



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

### Spring Term - 2017



This term is vitally important as SATs are fast approaching! We have started a number of booster sessions both morning and after school. Please encourage your child to attend as many as possible, as we cover and consolidate many skills. Please ensure all homework is completed as we go over the questions during intervention sessions.

#### LITERACY



We are going to continue to develop our Literacy skills through reading, role play, planning, drafting and editing our own work. Our main focus this term is to apply the skills across the genres by writing information texts, short stories, biographies, debates, reports and poetry.

#### MATHS



In maths lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge and maths skills, applying them to SAT style problem solving. We will continue to explore the four operations, alongside work on understanding statistics, angles, perimeter, area, fractions and decimals.

We will begin by exploring angles in shapes, measures, fractions and decimals and statis-

#### Science

During Science lessons we will be learning about Inheritance and Evolution. The children will learn how living things produce offspring and the theory of Evolution—studying Charles Darwin.

#### Geography

This term, our topic is a study on North America. We will learn how to locate countries, cities and states within this continent. The children will research climatic zones and the physical and human features.

#### PE

We will continue to work with coaches to develop a variety of skills including football and tennis. We will also continue to develop our swimming skills.

#### RE

In RE, we will look at cultures and religion across North America. We will look at how this has changed over the past.

#### Art and Design

As part of our class topic we will explore the chocolate and sweet advertisements of the past and use them as a stimulus for creating and drawing our own. We will also explore the work of Andy Warhol and use his art techniques in our poster and chocolate wrapper art work.

#### Music

We will develop our ukulele skills with Dan, the music teacher.

#### HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week—homework given out on Thursday/Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.
- Continue to read with your child, particularly books of their choice and related to class topics.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 6 PE days are Monday and Friday, but this can change so we advise that children leave a kit, in a named bag, on their peg all week.
- Please label all your child's clothes with their name—it always makes it easier to locate lost items of clothing at the end of a school day.
- Please keep us up to date with who will be collecting your child from school each day by updating your named adult list kept in school.
- Do come and speak to us at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.