



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

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Literacy



In English this term, Year 6 will be studying the text *Rose Blanche* to inspire their writing. The children will explore the features of diary writing and use these to plan and create their own diary entry to recount a narrative. Alongside this, they will focus on key grammatical skills, including recognising and using both formal and informal speech in their work.

Science

This half term, Year 6 will be exploring the fascinating topic of electricity. The children will learn how to use the correct scientific symbols when drawing simple circuit diagrams and will observe and explain what happens when the voltage in a circuit changes. They will also carry out investigations to see how different components work under varying conditions and develop their scientific skills by writing clear conclusions based on their findings. In addition, the children will learn about renewable and non-renewable sources of electricity, helping them to understand both how electricity is gen-

Art and Design

In Art this term, Year 6 will be exploring the work of a range of artists and experimenting with different styles. The children will study the techniques of artists, including David Hockney, Paula Rego and John Singer, before attempting to create their own artwork inspired by these styles. They will work with a variety of media to develop their creativity and build confidence in expressing themselves through art.

Computing

In computing, we will be focusing on internet safety and how to remain safe online. This will include digital footprint and location sharing.

Maths



Over the next half term in maths we further develop maths skills linked to place, value, calculating mentally, multiplication, division, geometry, addition and subtraction.

We will continue to develop and further explore problem solving. Our morning starters will involve learning the basics around arithmetic.

History

In History this term, Year 6 will be exploring the key events and impact of World War I. The children will investigate why the war began and which countries were involved, before looking more closely at what life was like during the war through discussion and debate about the different roles people played. They will learn about the Battle of the Somme and consider the impact of the British Empire during this period. The class will also reflect on how the war came to an end, making links to the Christmas Truce as a significant moment of humanity. To bring their learning together, the children will create a detailed timeline to summarise their understanding of this important period in history.

P.E

In PE this half term, Year 6 will develop their skills through invasion games, focusing on moving with the ball, passing as a team, and using a range of attacking and defending techniques. They will also have the opportunity to invent their own game before applying their skills in a full invasion game and evaluating its success.

R.E

In this unit, pupils will explore the four gospels, considering their similarities, differences, and contexts. They will learn that Matthew, Mark, and Luke drew on eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life and teachings, while John used different sources and included longer reflections. Pupils will compare Jesus' direct teaching with his use of parables and stories, discussing the meanings of biblical texts and what they mean for Christians today. They will also explore what Christians believe to be the 'good news' of Jesus, with examples of how his behaviour guides Christian living, and consider how Christian communities today put his teachings into practice.

Reminders

- Homework will continue to be set on paper every Friday. Please ensure children complete their homework each week. Homework is linked to your child's learning from the week, therefore, it is vital it is completed.
- Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week and return their book to school daily in case there are opportunities to listen to them read in school.
- Year 6 PE will be on Monday and Thursdays, children must come into school in their PE kits.
- 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.
- If you would like to speak with me, please phone or email the school office and I am happy to speak to you about any queries or concerns.