



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 4 AUTUMN TERM

NEWSLETTER



Literacy



This half term, Year 4 are going to be creating a setting narrative. We will be reading 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow, as our quality text. Using this wordless quality text about two young whale watchers, who set out to sea to find a mythical whale, the children will be planning and writing their own version of the story adding effective setting description.

Maths

In the Autumn term, Year 4 will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number and continue to order and compare numbers up to 10,000. They will be identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations and will round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children will focus on counting from 0 in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000; count backwards through zero to include negative numbers. They will also begin to read Roman numerals up to 100.

Science



During Science lessons, the children will identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with vibrations. They will learn that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. The children will find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

History

Our History topic is 'The Romans'. The children will use a timeline to understand and order events within the Roman reign. We will be investigating how far the Roman Empire spread and learn about the Roman invasion of Britain and explore the impact of the Romans on Britain, in particular our Local (North East) area.

PE



Each Thursday morning and Friday afternoon Year 4 will focus on co-ordination and footwork exercises that aim to develop hand/eye co-ordination and balance. We will also be starting to practise our skipping skills in order to prepare for a skipping completion later in the year.

Computing

The children will be learning how to code. At the beginning of the unit, the children will learn about algorithms — how they are set of instructions that the computer follows in order to perform a command. They will learn about programming and explore debugging and understand the process of coding and design.

Art and Design



In Art and Design, this half term Year 4 will be drawing: exploring tone, texture and proportion.

Through this unit the children will learn to notice areas of light and dark on an object, experiment with shading to create different tones and explore how combining lines and mark making can show texture and tone. Additionally, they will learn about composition and consider proportion when drawing.

RE

In RE, this half-term we will be exploring the question: 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'

In this unit, pupils will learn about the concept of 'Gospel'* which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. They will learn about the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus. Pupils will find out about Jesus' actions towards other people and what example these set for the actions of Christians today.

Reminders

- Homework will be given out to the children each **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**.
- Please read with your child daily. Reading books with the child's reading diary should be brought into school every day, this enables us to read with your child in school.
- Year 4 PE days are **Thursday and Friday**. Children are to come to school in their PE kit on these days and must also have suitable footwear for sporting activities.
- 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.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday. Doors open at 8.45am.
- Do come and speak to Mrs Stewart at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.