



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 - 2025



LITERACY

This half term we are going to be doing some work around the story of The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We will be working towards two separate writing outcomes across the half term. The first one will be to write an approaching threat narrative where we will learn all the key skills to be able to do this and brush up on what we learned in Year 2. We will then finish the half term with a non-fiction style write in the form of an explanation text, where we will explain how we could trap the iron man from the story.

Geography

During this half term, our Geography topic is all about volcanoes and specifically asking the question 'Why do people live near volcanoes?' We will discover all of the features of volcanoes and discuss real life eruptions.

PE

We will be developing our PE skills in PE lessons and we are going to start by working on athletics. We are going to perfect our sprinting, jumping and throwing and catching skills.

Design Technology

In D.T. this half term, we are learning all about how to eat seasonally. We will explore where food comes from, why we should eat locally and the effect importation has on the world. We will be researching and planning our own healthy savoury tarts and we will finish the term by making them.

Music

This half term, we are going to start by focussing on a song called Let Your Spirit Fly. We will be learning how to warm up our voices and then we will learn the song. By the end of the half term, we will be learning how to play the Glockenspiel and having a go at playing it along to our new song!

MATHS

To start us off, we will be focussing on number and place value this half term. We will be learning how to represent and partition numbers. We will be pushing forward and working on numbers all the way up to 1000!



Rocks and Fossils



Science

Our topic for this half term is rocks and fossils. We will be learning about the three different types of rocks: sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous and group them depending on their characteristics. We will then move on to fossils, where we will learn how they are formed and the relevance of Mary Anning to the fossil world.

Computing

This half term we are going to be using Purple Mash to learn how to use simple coding to make different characters follow instructions. We will be creating flowcharts for our characters to follow.

RE

In R.E this half term we are exploring the question 'What is it like for someone to follow God?' and discuss various different religions and how they follow their own ideas and traditions to show their support for God.

Reminders

- Homework is set every Friday and children will be given either maths, writing or reading comprehension based on something they have learned in the week. This should be returned by the following Wednesday.
- In Year 3, children are given the opportunity to choose their own reading books. Please try to read 3 times a week where possible, and leave the book and diary in your child's bag so we can read together at school. Your child will be free to change their book once they have finished their current one. If your child reads, please write a comment in their reading diary. Every time they read 3 times, they will get a tally mark. These will add up towards a prize.
- Year 3 P.E. days are Thursday and Friday—please ensure your child attends school in a weather appropriate P.E. kit on those days.
- **Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday to ensure they do not miss any learning time.**
- Please ensure your child has their own water bottle in school every day and they bring it home for a regular clean.
- If you have any questions or would like to speak to us, please ring the school office and we will ring you back as soon as we can.