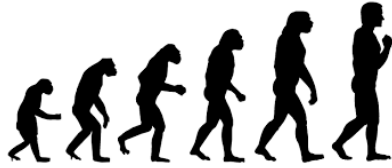


Water Birds (Years 5 and 6)

Autumn Term 1 2018
Darwin's Delights



Maths and Literacy Foci:

Literacy: In literacy this half term Year 5 and Year 6 will be studying Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. This exciting adventure will inspire us to write dairies, letters, newspaper reports and detailed explanations.

There will be a greater focus this term on supporting Year 5 and 6 with their **Reading**. All children in Year 5 and 6 will complete a reading test to assess their reading age. This information will be shared with families so that we can work together to support further development.

Year 5 will be looking at articles from the children's newspaper First News and will work daily on their comprehension skills.

Year 6 will be split into small reading groups and work with an adult to deepen their understanding of narrative texts.

Maths: This half term we will be focusing on our most fundamental Maths skills to support our more advanced work later in the year. This includes securing our knowledge of times and division facts to 12 x 12, place value to one million, rounding numbers to the nearest significant figure and recognising and using negative and decimals numbers. We will be using these skills to help secure formal written methods in addition and subtraction. All children in Year 5 and 6 will be tested during the first weeks of term to assess next steps.

For those children in Year 6 we will be analysing gaps in their understanding and working on these areas specifically. Particularly: Place value, working with larger numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages and reasoning about shape and space.

Curriculum Foci

Science: Science will be our key focus this term as we learn about Evolution and Inheritance; consider the relationship between Living Things and their Habitats and Work Scientifically.

History: We will be learning about the lives of two significant individuals – Charles Darwin and Mary Anning.

Geography: We will be using maps and atlases to plot the route taken by Michael's family in Kensuke's Kingdom.

Computing: Online research and understanding Computer Networks.

Art: We have already started to understand how we create accurate Observational Drawings and we will be creating our own sketchbooks to record what we see. This will become part of our work towards gaining an Arts Award from Trinity College London.

PSHE: New beginnings and Taking Responsibility.

Important Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival Friday 5th October 2018 at St Mary's Church – Times to be confirmed.

Parent consultation evenings:

Tuesday 16th October 2018 (5pm – 8pm)

Thursday 18th October 2018 (3:30pm – 5pm)

Home Learning Tasks

Maths and Literacy: This will be set weekly.

Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** and should be returned to school the following **Tuesday**.

Reading: All children will be expected to read five times per week and record those pages read in their planner.

Spelling: Will be set weekly - children will be given an activity to complete based on the weekly spellings.

We would ask that parents and guardians sign their child's planner once a week ready for it to be handed in on a Friday.