

Year 6 – Term 3 Information and Key Learning

Welcome Back!

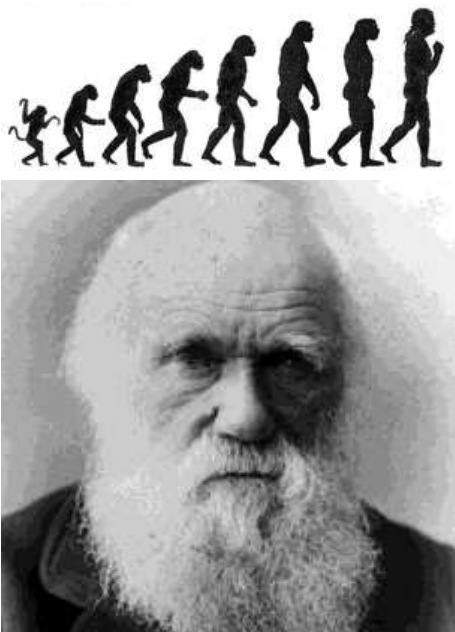
Happy New Year and welcome back – thank you for the kind gifts. We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. We have another exciting term ahead with new experiences and slight changes to our routine. As a way of preparing for transition to secondary school and revision, we will be setting weekly homework in the form of an English and Maths workbook. The expectation is that children will complete 2 tasks for Maths and English set on Friday and hand in their work the following Wednesday to be marked. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Our learning this term

Our topic for this term is Evolution. The children will be studying the work of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace. Children will be exploring adaptation and 'natural selection' through scientific investigations, observations and research. During Art lessons, children will be exploring Darwin's findings from 'Origin of Species' where the children will be learning the skills of print, mono printing and dry point.

In Mathematics the children will be looking at decimals & percentages and will be linking them to last terms work on fractions. Children will be handling fractions, decimals and percentages (FDP) and will be looking at equivalences. By the end of the term children will have studied algebra and will apply their knowledge of the four operations to solve problems. In addition, the children now have access to the Times Tables Rock stars (<https://play.ttrockstars.com>) website which is a fun and engaging way for the children to practise their times tables. In English, we will begin by using the text 'Hidden Forrest' to inspire us to carry out research into the topic of Giant Sea Kelp. We will write balanced discussion about reducing fishing in areas where the Giant Kelp Forests are struggling to survive, and write letters informing others about this.

Throughout the term the children will be applying their music skills to create a class band, the children will be composing their own hits. During PE our focus will be Netball and gymnastics.



Key Information

- Weekly home learning:
Set – **Friday – 2 English tasks and 2 Maths tasks per week.**
Hand in – **Wednesday to be marked.**
- PE days – Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has kit suitable for outside and inside. Any information on this please do not hesitate to ask.
- Buster Book club reading night is Wednesday.
- We are all excited to be going to watch School of Rock in London on Thursday 13th February 2020.
- An Art resource plea – If you have any cereal packets, please bring them in for printing.
- Family Trees – as part of our evolution project, we would like to find out the family histories within year 6. Over the term, please can pupils bring in family photos and information to use in class.