

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High

Welcome back to our second term in Year Six. I hope everyone has had a great Christmas holiday and has fully recharged their batteries ready for a busy term. This term will see me teaching all mornings in year six; doing guided reading, literacy, spelling, handwriting and numeracy as normal.

Mrs Edwards will teach History and Geography for one hour on Mondays and Wednesdays; she will also teach Music, RE, French and P4C on a Thursday. I will teach Computing on a Monday and Science all Tuesday afternoon. Miss Preugschat will teach PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Art and DT will be covered on special 'Art Days'.

Homework, Spellings and Reading:

Homework will continue to be given out on the same days: Numeracy given out Wednesday to be in by Friday; Literacy given out Friday to be in by Tuesday; spelling tests will usually take place on a Friday.

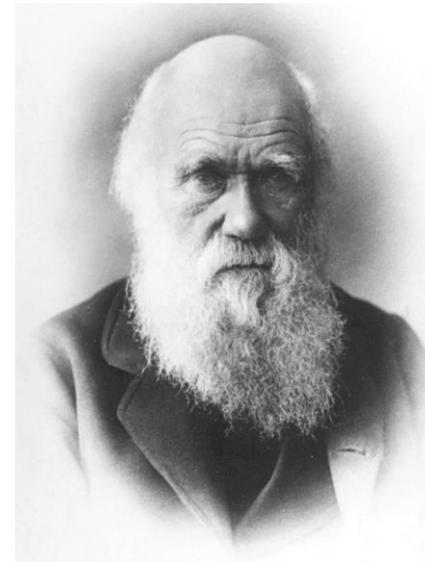
As we get closer to the SATs I encourage you to explore activities on the internet that covers the new curriculum - particularly with regards to maths and grammar areas which contain lots of new areas.

A good maths link for activities and tests:

<http://www.mathworksheets4kids.com/activities/5th-grade.html>

Grammar:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>



Why do things live where they do?

Year Six Topic

Our topic will focus on the Charles Darwin, where we will work on a cross-curricular topic linking Science, History and Geography.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on the units 'Evolution and Inheritance' and also 'Living things and their habitats'. We will recognise that living things have changed over time and also look at how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment. During spring term two, we will look at the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird and describe how they are classified.

In **Art** we will be looking at observational drawings within our local area. In **DT** we will be developing our cooking knowledge and skills within the kitchen.

In **English** we will be focusing our learning around 'The Wind in the Willows' and 'The Watertower'. Throughout the term, we will look at diary entries, letters, recounts, newspaper reports and story writing as well as completing extended writing within our topic work. Within our work, we will develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will be continuing to develop our use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and relative clauses. We will further develop our skills with parenthesis, perfect form of verbs and reported speech.



In **Maths** we will be continuing to work on our exploration of the new curriculum including tougher number skills. We will look at decimal calculations - including converting between metric measurements. That will be followed by calculating percentages and ratios. The final unit before half term will be introducing the children to simple algebraic formulas. After half term we start to focus more on the SATs and covering areas such as data handling and shapes.



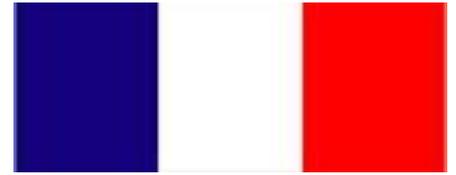
In **R.E** we will be learning about Judaism. We begin by looking at the story of Exodus and the Ten Commandments. We then explore how the feast of Passover is celebrated.

In **Music** we will continue to have lessons with Mrs Edwards on the topics 'A New Year Carol' and then 'Happy'.



In **P.E** we will be having lessons twice a week with Miss Preugschat. These will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and will cover all aspects of the PE curriculum throughout the term.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of 'Darwin'. Within History, will learn about the voyage of the Beagle and look at the background of the Galapagos Island. We will also develop Geography skills, looking at climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.



In **French** we will continue to develop our skills in conversational French and learn about French culture.

In **Computing** we will be looking at digital media and the internet. Within our first unit we will be working with Movie Maker and Photo Story 3. After half term, we will develop our understanding of how the internet works.

