

Welcome back to our second term in Year Five,

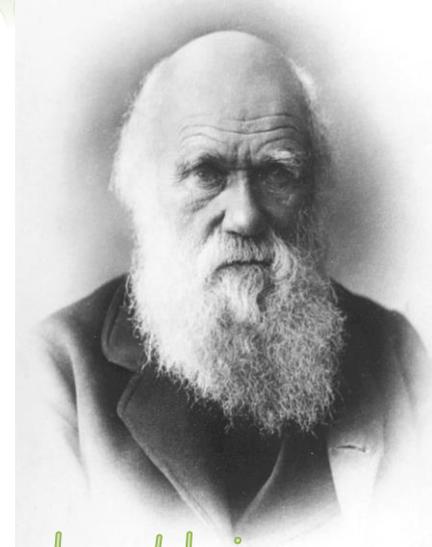
I hope that you have all had a relaxing Christmas break! We have another busy term and I am looking forward to our residential. We still need to be focusing on learning our times tables at home; you should be learning them in and out of order and beginning to look at applying them to division. PE will continue to be on a Wednesday and a Thursday afternoon (if we don't have swimming).

### Homework, Spellings and Reading:

Learning Log homework and Maths will be given out on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday. Reading books need to be changed at least once a week and raffle tickets will be given out twice a week to those children who read. Spelling will be given out on a Thursday to be tested on the following Thursday.

Miss Blake

# Darwin



Why do things live  
where they do?

Year 5 Learning  
Leaflet

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 principles of a healthy diet and will use a range of cooking techniques to prepare and cook a savoury dish.

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 begin to look at parenthesis, perfect form of verbs and reported speech in more detail.



In **Maths** we will be continuing to work on our problem solving and application. We will look at multiplication and division - including multiplying and dividing mentally and multiplying and dividing numbers with up to four digits within the formal written method. That will be followed by comparing and ordering fractions and recognising improper fractions. After half term, we start to focus decimals and percentages where we will be introduced to the per cent symbol and will look at decimal equivalents.



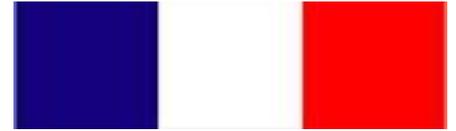
In **R.E** we will be learning about Judaism. We begin by looking at the story of Exodus and the Ten Commandments. We then explore how the feast of Passover is celebrated.

In **Music** we will continue to have weekly sessions on a Monday afternoon, learning how to play the instrument of your choice.



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

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of 'Darwin'. Within History, we 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.

