

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High

Welcome back Year 6!

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break, celebrating with family and friends - I look forward to hearing about everything you have gotten up to! This is our last full term before we have the SATs tests to tackle, so I hope you are ready for our new topics and also to recap on previous learning too.

PE

This term you are lucky enough to be going swimming. You must have the correct kit for this, including sensible swimwear, a towel and a bag (preferably plastic or waterproof, so everything else doesn't get wet). Girls should bring a one-piece swimming suit and boys should bring above-the-knee swimming shorts or trunks. Goggles can be brought, but aren't essential. I would recommend bringing it in at the start of the week (in case you forget it), then taking it home to be washed on the Thursday afternoon, after swimming.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Your Learning Log and maths homework will be given out on a Friday and are to be returned the following Wednesday. Homework will continue to build on topics we have covered in class.

Reading books should be changed frequently and your reading record and reading book should be brought in everyday so that we can keep track of the books you are reading, and will be checked on a Tuesday and a Friday and I expect to see that you have read at least three times a week.

Finally, spellings for the entire term will be glued into Learning Logs during the first week of term and I expect you to be practising these independently, week by week.

Other Adults in the class

We continue to have Ms Leath in class every morning and for two afternoons a week. She will be assisting me, and will be giving help and guidance to those children who require additional support. Mrs Deakin will be covering and delivering lessons for two afternoons a week, on a Thursday and Friday.

As we approach the SATS, any time that you can give to practising maths and grammar skills would be very beneficial.

A good maths link for activities and tests:

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

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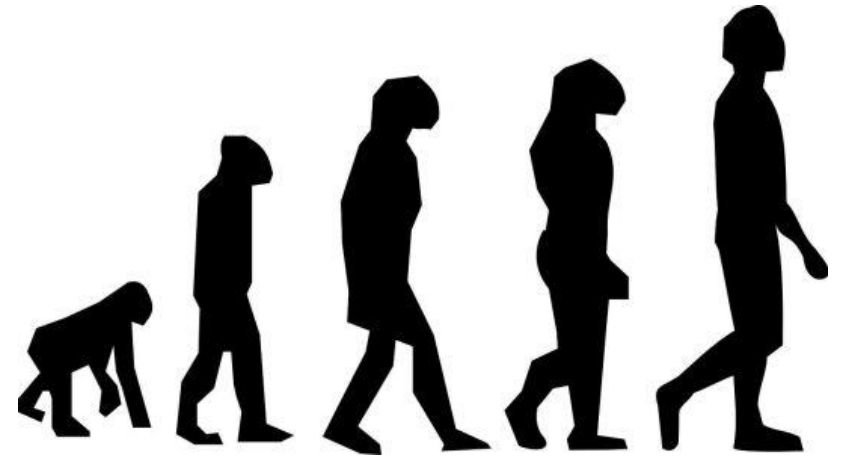
Grammar:

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

Mr Grierson



Evolution and Inheritance



Have we always looked like
this?

Seeds of change

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Our topic will focus on Evolution and Inheritance. We will create links through our Geography, Science and English topics.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on the units 'Evolution and Inheritance' and also 'Animals including humans'. We will recognise that living things have changed over time and also look at how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment. We will also focus on the human body but specifically how the human circulatory system functions.

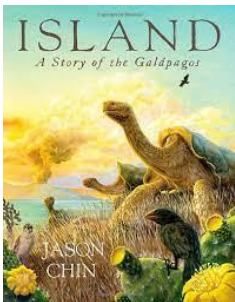
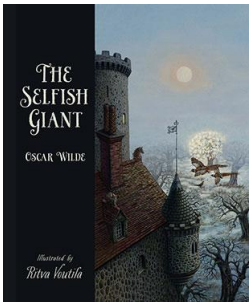
In **English**, we will be focusing on the book 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. We will be focusing on both past skills and new Year 6 skills. This will include new skills like passive voice, subjunctive verb forms and colons/semicolons.

After half term, we will be looking at the book 'Island' which will focus on similar skills and revisiting past skills such as cohesive devices.

There will be a major push on independent writing and ensuring that we proofread and edit our own work.



In **Maths** we will start by looking at ratio, and how to use it in problem-solving questions. This will be followed by algebra, and starting work on decimals. After half term we further develop our decimal work alongside percentages, before moving onto measurement (area, volume, and perimeter) and statistics.



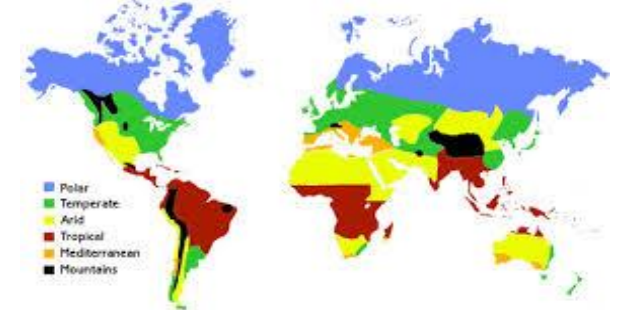
In **Art** we will be looking at still life of fruit (linking with illustrations from our English book the Selfish Giant). Focusing on the artist Paul Cezanne.

In **R.E**, the lessons will be based upon Sikhism and how Sikhs worship.

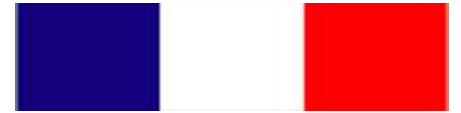
In **Music**, we will continue our lessons with me teaching which will be based on the topic, 'A New Year Carol' in Spring 1 and 'Classroom Jazz' in Spring 2.



In **P.E**, we will be going swimming with Mrs Deakin and Ms Leath. Don't forget your swimming kit!



Our **Geography** this term will be continuing to focus on climate zones. Here will be look at climate zones of different countries specifically focusing on their vegetation, plants and animals, and the biomes within different climate zones.



In **French**, we will continue to develop our skills in French by learning numbers and months and also forming opinions about sports.

In **Computing**, we will be looking at creating our own business, and using spreadsheets and website design.