

Autumn 1 in Year 6

Darwin's Discoveries

English	Maths	Geography	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading - Continue to develop fluency and strengthen comprehension skills. Reading and responding to texts related to Charles Darwin, evolution and the natural world. Darwin Fact File Diary writing - Darwin's ship's log. Persuasive text centred around Galapagos Islands Animal poetry. Proposing changes to vocabulary, punctuation and grammar to enhance and clarify meaning. Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing. 	<p>Maths this half-term will focus on the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition and subtraction including decimals Multiplication including decimals Division including short division with remainders and long division. 	<p>Our geography exploration will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> extend knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include: the United Kingdom and Europe; North and South America. location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. using maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies. 	<p>Our scientific exploration will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How living things have changed & adaptation/evolution. Inheritance. Scientific questioning and data collection and analysis. Animal classification, habitats, taking measurements with scientific equipment, classification keys.
			<p>History</p> <p>Our historical exploration will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A significant turning point in British history.

Music	RE	PE	RHE
Swing Music Hey Mr Miller The magic of Glenn Miller music	Within our RE lessons we will be exploring the question ‘What are the teachings of Jesus ?’	The Testlands Team will be working with the children every Tuesday afternoon to develop their attacking and defending skills in invasion games.	Our RHE focus is to develop our understanding of emotions and feelings and how we continue to deal with them. How to resolve conflicting feelings.
	Art	Stubbington Study Centre	
	Within our Art lessons we will be studying and exploring the anatomical drawings from Darwin’s adventures.	Stubbington study centre aims to build on three key skills: teamwork, respect and responsibility through fun educational activities which develop children's interests and understanding of the environment and conservation.	
Spanish			
This half term we will recap and revise the Spanish Learning from Year 5 and focus on learning the Spanish for classroom instructions and regular items that we use in school. Revision of colour words and parts of the body.			

How can I help my child at home?

Homework

A physical copy of the homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term - this can also be found on our Google Classroom. At least one activity from this grid needs to be completed each week and either handed in to the teacher or uploaded onto the Google Classroom.

PE

Year 6 have PE on a **Friday**. Your child must bring into school their PE kit (yellow T Shirt, black shorts, tracksuit trousers or leggings, and trainers).

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a phone, tablet or home computer.

Useful websites:

TT Rock Stars

BBC Bitesize

Sumdog

Handy **student login cards** will be coming home this term - maybe pop it on the fridge door as an instant reminder!

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and regular reading has a huge impact on the development of their vocabulary and language skills. Please do read with your child at home - either reading together or listening to them read. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. For example poetry, adventure stories, non-fiction (fact books), fantasy stories etc.

We are not currently sending books home, but there are some amazing free resources such as the local libraries or check out Open Library.

We will post suggestions via Google Classroom for books available on Open Library each week.