

Year 6 – Autumn 2

The Beagle and the Baird!

We hope you have had a restful break during the holiday and are ready for the next half term.

Our focus this half term is Science. We will immerse ourselves in the topic of 'Evolution and Adaptation', exploring Darwin's discoveries and theories.

Later in the term, we will be focusing on classic literature in the run up to Christmas, exploring dialogue, character and setting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Doe, Miss Aspey and Mrs Furnidge

English

This term, we will start writing a biography about Charles Darwin. During our research sessions, we will refine the technique of note making from various sources and how to use this information to engage the reader through well-chosen sentences and presentation.

Later in the term, as we approach Christmas, we will turn our attention to a well-known classic 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. During this study, exploration of his vocabulary will be key in supporting us with vivid character and setting descriptions.

Maths

During this half term, we will begin consolidating the use of the formal method to complete short and long multiplication. Long and short division will be the next unit, and we will apply these skills when calculating with decimals. We will then move onto fractions where learning will focus on how to carry out calculations using both fractions and mixed numbers. We will have a continuous focus on our timetables to support our learning. You can support at home by encouraging the children to use TTRS regularly. In the afternoon, we will be studying statistics- reading and interpreting line graphs, bar charts and pie charts.

Music

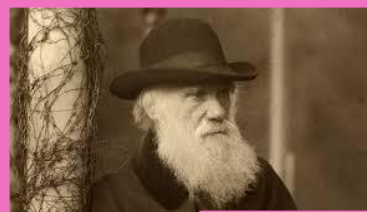
Our focus is composition. The children will listen to 'Night on a Bare Mountain' by the composer Mussorgsky. To end the unit, we will compose music in his style.

Creative Curriculum- Science Focus

Our topic for science is Evolution and Adaptation. As part of this topic, we will be looking at how things change over time and how fossils tell us about the past. We will also recognise that offspring normally vary and are not identical to their parents. We will consider Darwin's theory of 'evolution' and how animals/plants have adapted to suit their environment.

Homework

During this half term, the children will continue to complete grammar and maths homework using CGP books. They will also receive weekly reading tasks and spelling rules. We ask that the children continue to learn their times tables and the KS2 Common Exception Words (Year3/4/5 and 6).



PE

The children will have a games session on Monday afternoon and will take part in Indoor P.E on a Tuesday. P.E sessions will focus on circuit training, gymnastics and hockey. Stud earrings must be removed or covered for P.E lessons. Long hair must be tied back when taking part in P.E please.

PSHE

This half term, we will be focusing on developing safe relationships. The children will gain the skills to recognise and manage pressure from friends. We will also cover what 'consent' means and how to seek and give/not give permission.

Computing

The children will explore how to stay safe online. We will also complete our 'Networks' unit. This unit allows children to learn more about what networks are, what they do and how they connect devices. Children also consider the safety aspects of networks, including the possible positive and negatives uses of networks.

R.E

We will be exploring what happens during the 'Day of the Dead' and 'Remembrance Day' to explore how we remember people. We will widen our understanding of what different religions believe about life after death to answer the question, 'How does religion help when times are hard?'