

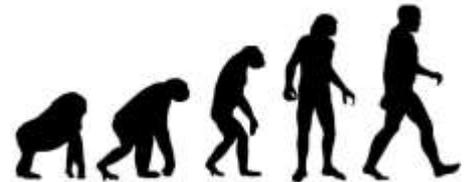


Year 6 Newsletter

It is great to be back after the Christmas holidays! Everyone seems happy and have quickly settled back into the routines of the school day. We will be providing the class with many opportunities to work collaboratively between now and the end of the year, to ensure they are confident and ready for the transition to secondary school. Some children have had letters to attend after school intervention, which we always find to be highly beneficial- it would be great if you could support us with this!

Topic

There are many exciting events planned over the upcoming weeks. We will be learning about the continent of South America. Children will research the different countries, climates, and land use. This will lead onto Charles Darwin and the discoveries he made on the Galapagos Islands.



This term, as part of our Challenge Curriculum, we will have the opportunity to design a range of bird's beaks linked to Darwin's theory of Evolution. The beaks will all have to do a specific job such as: break a nut or only pick up worms. This will give your child the opportunity to work on their leadership, teamwork and self-belief skills. After this, the groups will have the opportunity to take an ordinary animal from the UK and adapt it so it can successfully live in a region of South America. Children will present their work as exploded diagrams, written descriptions, and 3D models. We will invite some animal experts in to judge the entries.

Crucial Crew

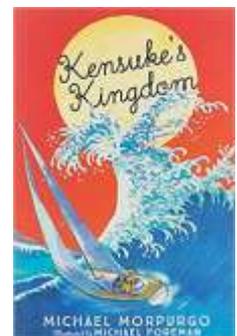
On **Tuesday 22nd March** we will be attending 'Crucial Crew', which is run by South Yorkshire emergency services, this involves the children taking part in a range of scenarios that prepare them for the future; by making them question what they know about the wider world.

Science

During this half term our focus will be on Living things and their habitats. We will look at the range of living things, from micro-organisms through to plants and animals. We will look at how to use keys and classification tables and how to distinguish between species and varieties of living things. We will compare different animals to see how they have adapted, over time, to suit the climate or environment that they are found in. We will also be holding an animal workshop where the children can look at a range of different animals up close to examine the difference in feet, eyes, and skin.

English

This terms writing will link closely with our topic. Children will complete non-chronological reports on the South American country they have researched. After studying Charles Darwin and his discoveries on the Gallipolis Islands, children will write a biography on him. This will give the class the opportunity to develop their skills from when they created a biography on Alan Turing during their World War Two topic. During our challenge, children will have opportunities to create reports on their animal. To finish the unit, we will also complete a narrative based around our guided reading book, *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. It is about a boy who is stranded on a small island in the Pacific.



Maths

This term, both classes will continue to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will have opportunities to develop written method multiplication and division with fractions. Children will be expected to confidently convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. Later in the term they are expected to reason, and problem solve around these areas.

Thank you for your continued support

The Year 6 team 😊