



# Year 6 Newsletter

February 2022

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term break and made the most of it-even with the awful weather. The children have all come back ready to work hard and prepare for a challenging term-KS2 SATs are only 3 months away!

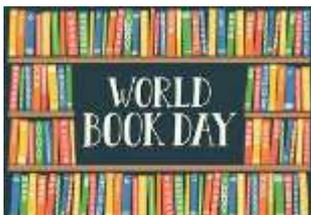
## Topic

The children are continuing with their topic on evolution and Charles Darwin. After learning about the climate, human and physical features of some of the countries in South America, the children have started to research and develop their knowledge of Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. They will be completing the challenge in a couple of weeks. They will work in a group to design and create a 3D clay model and exploded diagram of an animal which has adapted to live in several different climates within South America. To support their understanding of how animals have adapted to their environments, we have a lady from LION LEARNERS coming into school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. She will be bringing various animal with her so they children have the opportunity to hold, touch and observe tropical creatures up close.



## Reading

We hope to finish our text, Kensuke's Kingdom (by Michael Morpurgo) this half term. The children have been working hard to develop their knowledge of the different question types they may find in a SATs paper- inference, words in context, prediction, summarising and retrieval. It is still very important that children continue to read regularly at home. Not only does this support with your child's fluency and understanding but also with their vocabulary and language.



World book day will take place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. The children are invited to wear their pyjamas or onesies for the day, with the theme of bedtime stories. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. The money raised will go towards money for our school library.

## Writing

This term the children will continue to be using the topic as a stimulus for their writing. They are researching Charles Darwin's life and will be writing a biography based on what they find. After that, we will be asking the children to plan and write a 'Just So' story based on the animal they created for the Adaptation challenge. They will continue to be taught the year 6 grammar and punctuation skills so they can be applied to their writing. These include semi-colons, colons, commas, apostrophes brackets and dashes.

## Maths

We still have a lot to cover in the maths curriculum before May, this is mainly due to the many missed months of learning during the lockdowns. Our focus for this half term is decimals, percentages, algebra and ratio. We will also start to look at maths SATs papers in more detail and support the children to gain confidence in answering questions at pace during a test. Your child should have taken home a SATs revision

guide over the half term. They will be set weekly homework in the booklet and this will be marked every Friday. Please can you ensure that they bring it back on the correct day!

### Science

Science Week 2022 is coming up this half-term! Shaw Wood will be taking part in Science Week from the **14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March**. A challenge will be set for your children to complete at home – watch this space! Also, during this week we will have the exciting opportunity to join in with a ‘Silly Science’ workshop, involving many fun investigations.



### Homework Club

A quick reminder about the Year 6 homework club which is every Friday after school until 4pm. It is the perfect opportunity for the children to get additional help and it also means that they have a weekend homework free 😊

### PE

PE for year 6 is on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct kit- black or navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms, a white or pale blue plain round neck t-shirt, a plain navy or black tracksuit top (without a hood), school jumper or fleece and trainers. If the weather allows it, we will try to have the children outside for PE sessions. If children do not come with the correct kit or uniform, it may impact on their number of fun day sessions.



### Easter holiday SATs boosters

On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** and **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be holding some fun SATs revision/booster sessions at school. These will be planned and delivered by the year 6 staff. These have always been popular and a great way to develop the children’s confidence in SATs. The children will look at test techniques, but also complete fun Easter based challenges through the day (there might even be a few chocolate eggs thrown in). Further information will be available later this term.

### Parents Evening

Just a reminder about parents evening this half term. It will take place on **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March**. It is really important that we get to speak to you and update you on your child’s progress. If you can’t make the 2 dates, please contact the school and we will arrange an alternative appointment.

**Thank you for your continued support**

**The Year 6 Team**