UKS2 Newsletter Summer Term 2, 2021

The Year 5/6 team this year are...

Class Teachers:
Miss Athwal
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Miss Prothero

Class Assistants:
Mr Hill
Mrs Lake
Mrs Thomas

Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term	7th June
Wayne Dixon 'It's Your Move'	9th June
Braywick Nature Reserve Trip	Shakespeare 29th June
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Braywick Nature Reserve Trip	Dickens 5th June
Class Swap Day	6th July
Inset Day	9th July
Longridge Year 6	13th July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	21st July
Last Day of Term	21st July at 2.00pm

Half Termly Achievers

Well done to our three Half Termly Achievers:

Ben, Caleb & Olivia

Great work children!

Last Term!

Last term, we explored the history of technology and began looking into its future. The children planned and created their own games using coding on a program called Scratch, which all looked very impressive.

'Stormbreaker' was a very popular choice of text for Years 5 & 6. They very much enjoyed the excitement of Alex Rider's adventures as an MI6 spy and were fascinated by the espionage that he encountered. It all stimulated some great writing! We also enjoyed watching the film and making comparisons with the book!

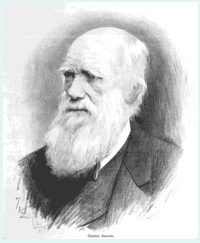
Congratulations to the Year 6's who completed their Level 2 Bikeability course. We hope you are now more skilled and confident when riding on the roads.

Both year groups have made a good start to their violin lessons. They are getting familiar with the strings, bow and how to care for the violin.

This Term

Our topic for this term is

'Darwin's Delights'



Ship ahoy! We're off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and his crew on HMS Beagle. Can you trace his route across the vast ocean?

Stop at the magical Galápagos Islands to see the amazing species that helped Darwin develop his theory of evolution by natural selection.

Ready to trace the origin of species? Let's set sail!

Key Information

We will be posting updates on Seesaw so please ensure you check this regularly.

PE Lessons

This term, Dickens class will have their PE lessons on a Wednesday and Friday, Shakespeare's and Morpugo's lessons will be on Monday and Thursday. This term, please can the children continue to come into school in their full PE kits on their PE days.

Homework & Spellings

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be a piece of English and Maths. Please upload completed homework onto Seesaw. Homework is due in the following Wednesday. A record will be kept of missing homework - any problems/ queries with the homework should be highlighted before the hand in date.

And also.....

Normally we would encourage children to bring in resources to enhance their learning but unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to accept anything. Please take a photo and post it to us on Seesaw. We can then share it with the class that way.

Communication

All class teachers are available if you have any concerns about your child or queries about how to support learning at home.

Due to the current situation please do send an email to the office to arrange an outside appointment or phone call.

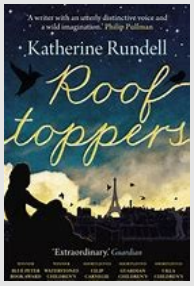
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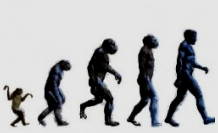
This Half Term

English:

Our key text this term is 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell.

We are looking forward to stimulating some great writing in action and non-fiction from this super story. We will also complete formal teacher assessments in writing for the Year 6 pupils.





Science:

We will be learning about evolution. We will explore that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will discover that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. We will also identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

Mathematics Year 6:

We have worked hard throughout the year and having completed the curriculum, we can spend the remaining time this term revisiting areas that the pupils will benefit from support with. We will be continuing to 'fill the gaps' and develop problem solving and reasoning skills.

Mathematics Year 5: We will continue our topic of 'properties of shapes', which includes drawing and measuring angles, exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We will move on to 'position and direction', which includes co-ordinates and reflecting and translating shapes; and 'measurement' of length, weight, capacity and time.

RE: We will be focusing on the key question - Creation and Science: Conflicting or complimentary?

We shall read and discuss 'Genesis 1' and how this text can be read and what it means to Christians.

We will share thoughts and opinions in an open and caring environment where all viewpoints are considered and valued.



History: In History we will be looking at the life of Charles Darwin.

We will also look at other significant people such as Mary Anning and Gregor Mendel.

We will also be finding out about life on the Galapagos Islands and discovering its rich biodiversity. Finally, we will be looking at what causes the endangerment or extinction of some species.



Music: In music we will be continuing to learn how to play the violin. We will build on our skills of playing by plucking and will also use the bow.



Art/DT: We will begin the term by creating a sketch book and completing some observational sketches like Charles Darwin did. Then, in the form of an ongoing project, we will be looking at an art history timeline, with the final piece, to create their own masterpiece in the style of one of our studied art styles.

Computing: This term we will be working on our animation skills through various programs.

PSHE: In PSHE next term we will be focusing on puberty and relationships, forming part of the statutory curriculum for sex education. More details will be sent out in regards to this.

PE: This term, we will be progressing with our gymnastics topic from last term and begin using apparatus. We will also develop our rounders skills with the aim of playing larger sided games. Finally, we will practice sports day athletic events ready for sports day.

MFL: We will be finishing the year by looking at weather and seasons. During the unit we will be learning the relevant vocabulary and then making our own weather presentations on

