Home Learning Challenges

Darwin's Delights

Here is a selection of homework challenges based on our topic in class this term. You may choose which tasks you complete and when. You must complete at least one challenge from each section but feel free to complete them all! Please complete each activity with care and to the best of your ability. We want to put you work on display so please make it display-worthy!

Please post completed work on to Seesaw and claim your house points!

1 House Point	2 House Points	3 House Points
Create a true or false quiz about Charles Darwin and his scientific expedition on HMS Beagle.	Visit the 'Great Plant Hunt' website and be a plant detective – just like Charles Darwin! You can then write up a fact file about what you find out.	Find out more about other famous scientists who had an interest in evolution and inheritance, such as Alfred Wallace or Mary Anning. Write a biography about them.
Look at photos of the different archipelago islands that Charles Darwin visited. Design and draw your own archipelago island.	Make a fact-file about different fossil types and, if possible, accompany an adult on a visit to a local museum that has fossils on display.	Imagine you are the young scientist, Charles Darwin, out on his scientific expedition on HMS Beagle. Write an extract from his journal that describes part of the journey. It could be the start of the voyage, arriving at one of the islands, or discovering different animal species.
Learn more about Charles Darwin and his work on the Natural History Museum website and create a poster about him.	Research the HMS Beagle and make a fact-filled poster to display the information you find out about the ship.	What can you discover about Lonesome George, the last giant Pinta Island tortoise? Research conservation charities such as the World Wildlife Fund, to learn about current endangered species. Write a non-chronological report about it.
Create your own 'Darwin's Delight' word search using words you have learnt during the project. Challenge a grownup to solve your puzzle.		Explain how animals such as polar bears, monkeys and sharks have evolved to suit their environment. Design a new fantastical creature that has evolved to suit its unique environment.

If you have the opportunity, you could visit the Darwin Centre at the Natural History Museum (or another related museum) and write a diary about your day.

This challenge grid runs up until the summer holidays.