



Welcome to Year 6

This half term we are looking at Evolution and Inheritance.

This term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

English

This term we are going to studying the following areas:

- Short stories from different genres
- Poetry
- Explanation texts
- Report writing

Much of our writing will be cross curricular based. In addition to this, this term we will also complete a book study.

We will also continue to work on our spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

This term we will be spending time working on the following topics:

- Number work
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Measures and time
- Geometry
- Ratio and Proportion

We will continue to work on logic and reasoning skills through problem solving and investigation. As well as this we will be continuing to develop our mental calculations.

Science and Topic

Our topic this half term, 'Evolution and Inheritance' is Science based. We are going to be looking at:

- How fossils are formed,
- What fossils tell us about how life on earth has changed,
- The life of Mary Anning, discussing her role in the development of the theory of evolution,
- Who Charles Darwin was,
- How animals have adapted,
- How offspring inherit characteristics from their parents.

In Art, we will also be creating Picasso style portraits linked to our topic and sketching fossils.

PE days and what we are doing

Indoor P.E. - Tuesday - This half term we are using circuit training to develop fitness and co-ordination. Along with that we will be thinking of the benefits of exercise and how we look after our bodies.

Outdoor P.E. - Thursday - Hockey.

All PE kit should be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove them themselves. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit: shorts and T shirt for indoor and jogging bottoms and a T shirt for outdoor. This should be dark bottoms and a white T shirt.

Homework

In our Year group the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

Monday: Maths handed out. English handed in.

Thursday: English handed out. Maths handed in.

Please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and homework diary in school every day.

How you can help:

Children should be reading daily as this support their writing and comprehension skills. In English, the children would benefit from practicing high frequency word spellings.

In order to support children in Maths, it is essential that they know their times tables up to 12×12 .

If you require anymore guidance on this please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.