

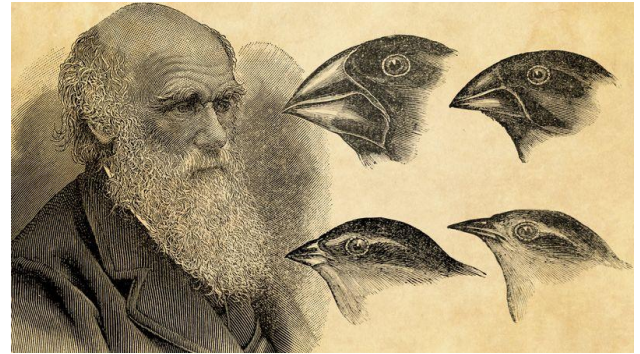
Year 6
Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good summer break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn. Year 6 is a really fun filled, adventure packed year for the children with the residential, SATs and enterprise week being some of the key moments in the year.

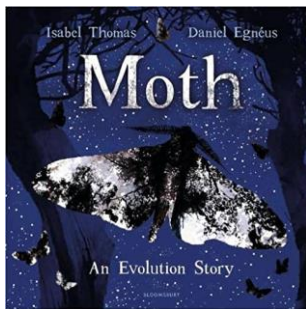
Learning Journey

We start this term's work with our Dawrin's Delights learning journey. We will be learning all about Charles Darwin and the science around evolution. For more details visit the school website where you will find an overview for the year for all subjects.



English

This year our focus in writing is to ensure that the children develop greater speed and stamina for creating quality texts. They will draw on their knowledge of the full range of GPS they have learnt throughout their time at school and apply this with intent and purpose. We will continue to encourage the children to consider themselves as authors for each piece of writing they do; learning to look back at their writing with a critical eye in order to improve on each piece. Additionally we will continue to have a whole school focus on vocabulary and presentation of work - encouraging children to take pride in every piece of work.



This half term our writing will be focused on non-fiction texts and we will use a range of books to enhance our understanding of this. Our taught lessons will be linked to our topic work; the children will also have the opportunity to complete an independent piece of writing each week as well as a free write at the end of each half term.

Reading continues to be an important skill to develop and in Year 6 it is vital that the children develop their stamina for reading longer texts in preparation for secondary school. We do expect all children to read frequently at home for at least 15 minutes a day. We fully appreciate that most children enjoy reading on their own, but the conversation you can have with your child during and after they have read can dramatically improve their understanding of the book and sometimes heighten their interest. Children should record all the reading they do in their reading record. Please ensure this comes to school every day.



Maths

Please support your child in ensuring that they continue to develop their fluency with their times tables as this is an integral part of Maths. It is important that these facts are practised, learnt and retained (2x-12x). If your child is already confident with tables, move onto recalling division facts. As a school we have bought into some good programmes that they children can use at home to practice their maths skills. TTRockstars is a great resource from practicing times tables and Numbots is good for practicing general maths skills.



PE

Our PE sessions this term will take place twice a week - Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. During the first half term we will be developing skills through Badminton and Football. Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit and earrings **should not be worn to school** on PE days. Children will not be able to take part in PE lessons if they cannot remove their earrings.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set on a Friday and should be uploaded onto Seesaw by the following Wednesday morning (unless stated otherwise such as in the case of planning for independent writing). Initially there will be maths and independent writing planning, as well as reading, homework each week. The homework will be linked to learning from that week so it is essential that every child attempts their homework and that a good effort is made to complete it to a high standard. For many children, homework is a good stepping stone in preparation for secondary school. In addition to the set homework each week, children are encouraged to practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars.

Essentials in Cedar class

Please bring to school -

- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- A fruit snack for break time
- A **small** rucksack containing reading book and reading record

The children have been provided with a small pencil case with all the essentials for their learning. This will be kept in school and they do not need to bring in any other pencil case from home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Kind Regards

Mrs Olliver