

Year 6 Learning Web

Autumn 1 2018

English Focus

This half-term, we will be linking our writing closely with our science topic. We will be writing about the discovery of evolution, evolution in our lives today, and how the world may evolve in the future.

- We will be focusing mainly on non-fiction writing through our evolution topic. We will be writing reports, biographies and balanced arguments based on the great explorer, Charles Darwin.
- Towards the end of the half-term, we will be creating our own version of Macbeth set in the modern day with new characters.
- Using different stimuli will be a large part of our English lessons; we will be using videos, music, images and drama to inspire us.
- In our grammar lessons, we will be learning about colons and semi-colons. We will also be learning about the passive voice and changes between informal and formal writing, as well as consolidating our knowledge of the grammar learnt so far.
- During guided reading, we will be developing our inference and comprehension skills, as well as our ability to analyse a text accurately at speed.

Knowledge and Understanding

Learning challenge: Evolution, fossils and Charles Darwin

- We will be exploring and researching Mary Anning and her work with fossils.
- We will be becoming archaeologists ourselves in the hope that we can understand how excavation has shaped how we understand the world.
- Furthermore, we will be looking at a timeline of the Earth and the origins of humankind.

Maths Focus

- We will be continuing to revise for both the arithmetic and reasoning tests, with targeted lessons focusing on how to answer each style of question.
- We will be working together in pairs and groups to learn how we each tackle tricky reasoning problems, as well as increasing our stamina ahead of the SATs.
- In our Maths lessons, we will be focusing on statistics and graphs, area, perimeter, volume, quantities, percentages, co-ordinates and algebra.

STEM (including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning challenge: Evolution and adaptation

- In Science, we will be focusing on evolution and adaptation.
- We will be exploring how and why animals adapt and change to suit their environments. We will also be looking into natural selection and how living things become extinct.
- In Health and Wellbeing, we will be focusing on revisiting the Taking Care project.

Ways you can help at home

- Encourage your child to be responsible for remembering their key equipment, including warm PE kit and trainers.
- PE will take place on a Friday half-term. Please ensure that PE kit is in school at all times.
- Ensure your child is increasing speedy recall of their tables and regularly practising the standard method for the four operations.
- Read each day. Ask lots of questions about the text to encourage your child to form their own opinions. And don't forget to sign their reading record so that we can see all their lovely reading!
- Ensure that homework is completed and returned on time.
- Help children achieve 100% attendance.