

Creative Curriculum Topic: Darwin's Delights

This half term, Y6's Darwin's Delights topic will link history with science, further building upon their learning about inheritance in autumn. During the topic, we will be investigating adaptation & natural selection and learning about Charles Darwin and the lasting impact of his theories upon the world. In English, we will be linking to the topic, writing Darwin's biography, discussion texts about science vs faith and persuasive letters linked to evolution theory. We will also visit the Hancock Museum in Newcastle to see their fossil display and take part in their Evolution workshop (see previous letters about this).

Y6 SATs are fast approaching. Therefore, it would be helpful if you could encourage your child to start working through their Revision Guides (in pencil) to further revisit/consolidate their learning. We expect children to be proactive in revising areas where they feel weakest. **A SATs information session for parents of Y6 children will take place 29.01.20 in the Y6 Hub at 3.20pm.**

Our next SATs practice will take place on 21-24th January & marked papers will be sent home as homework, so that children can share them with parents; however, it is important that they be returned to school once they have been looked at. For those asking - as we will be repeating the last paper we practiced in April, we did not send it home as it could skew the results next time.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term

Mon 20th January: Y6 trip (Hancock Museum)
Wed 29th January: Y6 SATS meeting (see above)
W/B Mon 10th February: Parents' Evening
Fri 14th February: PD Day
Mon 17th to Fri 21st February: Half term
Thurs 5th March: World Book Day (details to follow)
Thurs 2nd April: Decorate an Egg Competition judging in the main hall.
Mon 6th to Fri 17th April: Easter Holidays.
Thurs 7th May: PD Day
Fri 8th May: Bank Holiday
W/B Mon 11th May: Year 6 SATs week
Summer Term
Mon 1st June: PD day
Mon 8th to Wed 10th June: Carlton Residential
Mon 13th to Fri 17th July: Nunthorpe Secondary Transition week
Fri 17th July: Last day before summer holidays.
Mon 20th July: PD Day

Useful reminders

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** that they need to return by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework, this counts as one piece.

Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home to an adult at least 4 times per week and have their planner signed each time. When they reach termly milestones, children receive a free book of their choice! Children are expected to reach 100 reads by Easter.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well-balanced, with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies, no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons, while inside the school site, please can children push scooters and bikes.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories (school colours). They should also *not* wear nail varnish or make-up.

Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

Thank you to all parents & carers for your lovely Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term. They were all very much appreciated. We hope you all had a brilliant festive period.

Other information

- Y6 P.E – Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that children have their full P.E kits in school, as we will utilise any opportunity for extra P.E.
- KS2 singing – Tuesday afternoon
- Spellings and times tables feature heavily in the SATS, so it is essential children practice as much as possible throughout the year.