

This Term in Year 6

September 2017

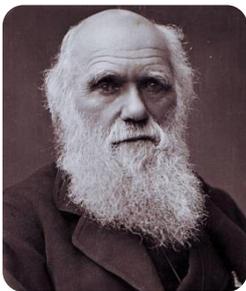
Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 6 and introduce ourselves as the Year 6 team:

Teachers: Mr N Armstrong, Mrs E Davies, Ms S Walsh

Teaching Assistants: Miss M Allman, Miss S Field, Miss C Thelwell, Mrs T Young

This term promises to be a very interesting and exciting one. We have launched into our topic 'Amazon-GO!' with an exciting visit from Simon Airey - the 'Animal Man'. The children were given the opportunity to learn about, and get a hands-on experience of, a variety of animal species whilst learning about evolution and adaptation. Later this half term we will take part in Darwin Day, following in the footsteps of Charles Darwin.



During this topic we will be focusing on Science.

In **Science** the children will to find out:

- What is a fossil?
- Why do animals look and behave differently from each other?
- How can animals be divided into types?
- What is evolution?
- Why do animals become extinct?
- What is a micro-organism?

In **English this term**, we will be exploring a range of writing genres including poetry, journalistic writing, biographies and information texts through the picture book 'Jemmy Button. The Boy that Darwin Returned Home'. We will develop our reading comprehension skills and build on the children's spelling and grammar skills. Spellodrome will help support spelling and it is important children learn words sent home.

In **Maths** we will be beginning our focus on number, in particular recalling times tables, using times tables knowledge to divide and relating this to understanding to fractions. We will also be using and applying numbers to solve interesting real life problems and puzzles linked to our 'Amazon Go!' topic.

PE will take place on Thursdays for 6NA and 6ED and Fridays for 6SW. Multi-sports will also take place every Wednesday. Forest School will replace PE for your child's class on a rolling programme, you will be informed

when your child's class will require their Forest School kit rather than their PE kit. Please make sure that PE kit remains in school all week as opportunities to do other PE will be taken whenever possible.

For **PE** your child will need:

- Plain navy blue shorts (blue tracksuit bottoms are permitted for outdoor PE in the Winter)
- White t-shirt
- Trainers
- Socks

There will be 10 weeks of **swimming** which will take place on Fridays therefore your child will need their swimming kit in school every Friday. Swimming will begin on **Friday 22nd September**.

In Year 6, it is still very important to find time to talk to your child about their reading and ensure that they **read each day**- to listen to them and discuss what they have read. Your interest and encouragement continue to be invaluable in building on the work we are doing in school. Please try to keep reading sessions enjoyable, and fill in their reading record. These need not be long sessions.

All Year 6 children will be given **home learning** on a **Friday** and will be due to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. This will regularly consist of Mathematics and Spelldrome activities. On some occasions there will be research tasks or projects to complete. We also expect children to learn number bonds and multiplication tables which will underpin many aspects of the maths curriculum. (See our Home Learning policy)

As you know, we set very high standards within school and expect all children to behave well and do their best. Good behaviour and work in the year group will be recognised with effort points, rewards and certificates. Should your child's conduct, attitude to learning or behaviour give us cause for concern we will be in touch with you; our aim is to ensure that all of the children achieve to the very best of their potential.

During this term we are very excited about the Year 6 residential visit to Arthog! There will be an information meeting about this later on in the term. We are also planning a visit to Safety Scene on Tuesday 3rd October. More information will follow.

The Y6 team work closely to plan and deliver lessons to the children. On occasions when one of the teachers is fulfilling their leadership role or involved in professional development training, others members of the team take over seamlessly. Miss Allman, who is a qualified HLTA, provides regular cover for Ms Walsh one day per week in this way.

Adult volunteers can make a huge difference to the range of activities we can offer and are greatly appreciated either on an occasional or regular basis. If you would like to offer your help, then please contact your child's teacher.

Finally, please remember that if you have any problems or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. If you have anything that you would like to discuss or of course you can always catch us in the playground at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Armstrong

Mrs E Davies

Ms S Walsh

Year 6 Class Teachers