



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 6, Autumn 1 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Homework will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

Our Topic for this half term is Charles Darwin and Evolution.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy, we will be learning to write biographies & explanation texts.

Our spelling and grammar focus will be on word types, phrases, clauses and punctuation.

Our first few core texts will be

"Walter Tull, Footballer, Soldier, Hero" &

"Who was Charles Darwin".

In Numeracy, our key skills focus will be on place value (including rounding and negative numbers) and written methods of calculation.

We need to have instant recall of all \times & \div facts for all times tables up to 12. We will also work on identifying and investigating prime numbers, factors, prime factors, HCFs and LCMs.

In Jewish Studies, we will be focussing on the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah as well as brushing up on our Tefillah skills. We are also starting to work on an exciting Israel-linked project.

In Humanities our focus is on the Galapagos Islands and the life of Charles Darwin.

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Our Science work will be on evolution, inheritance, natural selection and life processes. We will also look at selective breeding.

In PSHCE we will be reflecting on rules, rights and responsibilities and linking this to our learning.

In RE we will be focussing on Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur and discussing what responsibilities we have to G-d.

In Pe we will be developing our handling skills and tactical awareness in basketball, netball and handball.

Art/DT we will be working on sculpture through the medium of clay.

In ICT we will be focussing on developing our ICT skills to make presentations and to research topics in other curriculum areas.