

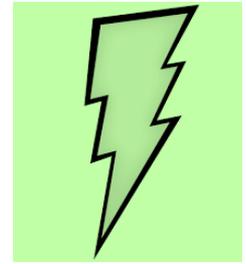


Monday 14th January

Spring Term 2019

Spring 1 - Darwin's Delight

Spring 2 - Eclectic Electric



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays! We would like to thank you all for the wonderful presents that we received before the holiday, they were very much appreciated. We'd like to take the time now to fill you in on what will be going on in school this Spring term.

Darwin's Delights

Our topic for this term, Spring 1, is Darwin's Delights, a study into Charles Darwin's voyage on the HMS Beagle and theories on adaptation. In our humanities sessions, we will be looking at Darwin's life both before and after his time on the Beagle and writing an explanation about the historical significance of his voyage. In our Science sessions, we will be looking in more detail at how animals adapt to their environment, how these adaptations are passed on to offspring and how this contributes to the theory of evolution.

Eclectic Electric

Our topic for next half term, Spring 2, is Eclectic Electric, an investigation of all things electrical. Our Science sessions will focus on the important discoveries regarding electricity, as well as the different parts of a circuit. From a humanities perspective, we will be researching the suitability of renewable energies to different geographic locations based on their physical geography features. As a DT project, after PGL, we will be creating fan boats using a small, sealed electrical circuit and a motor - this is a really exciting project which I expect that the children will really enjoy!

Class Text

In our English this term, we will be looking at action stories and reading Anthony Horowitz' *Stormbreaker*, the first book in the Alex Rider series. This is a fantastic book to read and the start of a great series - we would really encourage the children to read along at home!

Home learning

Please see the separate pick and mix sheet for this term. We are looking forward to witnessing how the children interpret the tasks for this term. Please don't forget home learning is due in on a Friday and we will calculate the numbers of points for effort and finished pieces at the end of the term with a certificate to celebrate. As ever, spelling practice and reading at home regularly is really important. As well as their weekly spellings, it is important for the children to revisit spellings that they are getting incorrect from previous weeks and to look at the Y5/6 spelling list when revising. We will continue to support this in class as well.

Values

Our value for Spring 1 is Perseverance and our value for Spring 2 will be Justice. Assemblies, merits and classroom discussions will focus on these values and we would always welcome you to discuss this with the children at home.

Times Tables Focus

During Spring 1 our times tables focus will be on the 12 times table. During Spring 2 we will have a mixed review of all tables to prepare for SATs.

PGL

Just a reminder that we will be going for our Y6 residential to PGL on Monday 18th March. We are really excited about the host of activities lined up and will be giving more information at the PGL and SATs Meeting on Monday 4th February, as well as final details closer to the time.

SATs

This year, SATs week is the week beginning Monday 14th May. There are tests every day apart from the Friday. We will be giving lots more information out about the tests closer to the time. If you do wish to do some SATs preparation with your children at home, there are a number of past papers available for free online. We would recommend doing a couple of questions at a time rather than a whole paper - it can be a bit demoralising to do an hour's SATs paper every evening! If you have any questions or think that there is a particular area that your child would benefit from support in, please let a member of the Class 6 team know.

PGL and SATs Meeting

We will be holding a PGL/SATs meeting on Monday 4th February at 3:15pm in Class 6. In this meeting, we will be looking at the PGL daily schedule, probable activities and distributing a provisional kit list. We try to hold this meeting before the half term so that there is time during the holiday to organise any extra kit that may need to be found. We will also be talking about this year's SATs, providing a provisional timetable for the tests and giving some general advice. If you are unable to make this meeting but have questions about either topic, please feel free to contact us beforehand so that we can help.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with a member of the Class 6 team. Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Class 6 Team