

This term in Year 6

We've had a really busy start to our term already! First, we had a lovely (and dry!) trip to Wapley Woods, to kick off our term's enquiry, which will focus on Charles Darwin, evolution and how animals and plants are adapting to human changes. The children were great scientists and showed excellent efficiency at gathering leaves, berries and plants to then identify and document back in class.

We also had a visit from our MP, Claire Young, who talked to the children about the issues they'd written to her about and shared some insight into what it's really like in the Houses of Parliament! The St Peter's Hospice Team also visited us to thank the children personally for the £376 they raised from their cake sale and to answer the children's questions about the work the hospice does.

As always, if you have any questions about what we're up to in class, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us.

Mrs Mehta-Jolliffe and Mrs Cook

Maths

This term, we will be continuing with our daily Mini Maths arithmetic sessions, as well as our times table tests each Friday. Times table knowledge is vital this year, as it supports so many areas of the maths curriculum.

We will be learning the last few objectives from the Year 6 curriculum. This will include angles, mean and statistics. We are predicting that this will only take us a few weeks, so will then be spending the rest of the term revising gaps in learning in preparation for the SATs papers which will happen in May. We will also be asking the children what they feel they need more support with, and will incorporate this into our lessons and interventions groups too.



English

In term 4, the children have already written a set of instructions to make pizzas and we'll shortly be moving on to focus our fiction writing on the famous William Shakespeare play: Macbeth! We hope that this gruesome, foreboding tale will engage them as much as it has with previous year groups so that they can use their fantastic imaginations and their skills with figurative devices to describe the witches and have to write in role as Lady Macbeth!! To end the unit, we will be rewriting the end of the play—with a twist—ensuring that we include all of the year 6 SPaG that we have learnt this year! We will also be exploring atmosphere, building tension and including even more fantastic similes, metaphors and personification!



Enquiry—Linnaeus and Darwin: What connects them?

We will become Scientists and Historians through exploring the ideas of Darwin and Linnaeus in relation to evolution and adaptation.

The children will learn each scientist's theories and discover how they have impacted the way that living things and their habitats have changed over time. The children will have the chance to investigate how birds develop different beaks in order to find food, explore how adaptations occur and learn how generations inherit traits from their parents.

The end of term challenge will be for the children to work in groups to research how a chosen animal has been forced to adapt to its environment due to climate change. They will present their research to one of the younger year groups.



RE

This term, we will be answering the overall question: How did Jesus create a "New Covenant" and what does that mean to Christians today? We'll be looking at the promises Christians make, or that we can make ourselves, and how they can impact our lives.

Computing

After spending time discussing e-safety, we will be exploring spreadsheets and how they can help to record information.

PE

On Wednesdays, the children will be improving their team work and strategy skills in orienteering. On a Thursday, the children will have the Bristol Sports coaches for gymnastics sessions.



PSHE

PSHE this term is titled 'Healthy Me', and will be looking at what we can do (as individuals) to make sure we are our happiest and healthiest selves! This will range from mental wellbeing, exercise, diet and managing stress :)



French

This term, the children will be learning how to talk about their day including revisiting numbers through telling the time in French.

