

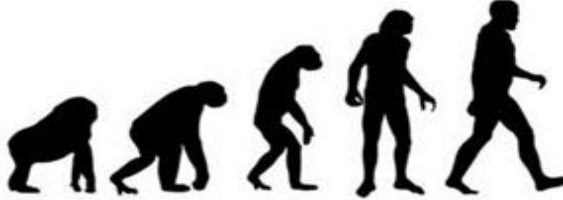
Year 6 Newsletter

Sycamore & Willow

What have we been learning about?

Topic: Endangered and Extinct

We have had a great start to the term, with a very interesting topic. The children started by learning about Charles Darwin, who introduced the theory of evolution. The children really enjoyed researching and finding out about Charles Darwin and they used their learning to write a biography about the famous naturalist.



The children have also written some beautiful descriptions of different animals, using adjectives, metaphors, alliteration and similes to describe how the animal looks, moves and behaves. They will use this learning next week to write descriptive poems about their own imaginary creature!

In our Science learning, children have been learning about inheritance and how offspring have traits passed on from their parents. Thank you for all the wonderful family photos sent in to help us with our learning; the children really enjoyed sharing them.

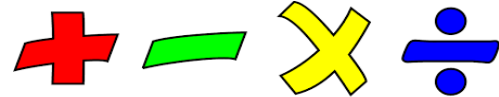
Before the end of the term, children will be planning and writing letters to try and persuade Mrs Crittenden to let Year 6 adopt an endangered animal. We hope we can convince her!

Maths

The term started with a revision of place value; a very important mathematical concept which provides the foundations for mathematicians to build on. Children revised rounding numbers, negative numbers and also learnt how to read and write Roman numerals.

Following this the children have revised division and how to use bus stop method for both short and long division. They have used these methods to help them with their fraction learning.

The children have also learnt new concepts, such as algebra and BIDMAS. BIDMAS is an acronym which helps them to know the order to solve calculations in.



Perhaps you could ask your children the answer to this question using BIDMAS.

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Behaviour for Learning

As a school, we are focusing on behaviour for learning. Behaviour for learning is about the children being ready to learn, listening well and participating in lessons to get the most out of their learning. The children are colouring in their star chart every time they are noticed for positive behaviour for learning. Once they have coloured enough stars, they will be presented with a special star badge, which they can wear with pride.

Reading and Home Learning Reward

It is important that children are reading every evening at home and that they are writing in their home contact book. Reading is an enjoyable and essential part of children's learning which can also help develop their writing. There will be a reward at the end of the term for children who read every evening at home.

Wick Court and Activities Week

The children are all getting very excited as next term is the Year 6 residential and activities week. All the planning and preparation is taking place, and next week there is a parents meeting for children going to Wick Court. Whether your child is going away for the week or taking part in activities at school, they will all have a fantastic time with memories they can treasure.

Dates to Remember

2nd February- Wick Court Parents Meeting

6th February- TLC week

Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Lang, Miss Holliday, Mrs Watts, Mrs Sage
& Mrs Owens*