

Survival of the fittest?

Sycamore Term 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to having everyone back in school after over two months of home-schooling. Thank you for your support of your children over this time. For the next four weeks, we will be continuing to explore **Inheritance and Evolution (Survival of the Fittest?)** finding out about the theories and discoveries of Charles Darwin and Mary Anning. We will also be looking at *'The many worlds of Albie Bright'* by Christopher Edge in our Guided Reading sessions together. During this time, we will also focus more on wellbeing themes and activities to support the pupils in their transition back to school.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Friday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday (from the 15 th March) and will be expected to have been completed by Friday. Maths homework for Year 5 will be set on 'MyMaths' and the children have their logins stuck in the front of their Reading Records. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child during homework to support. Year 6 Maths homework is set in their CGP Arithmetic books.
Times Tables	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school at least twice a week. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday (from 15 th March) and your child will have 2 weeks to complete this. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to see them.

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat. Sycamore Class have PE on a Tuesday with Mr Brett, but please make sure they have a full kit in school every day.

As always, many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Cline, Mrs Vile, Miss Webb and Mrs Knight

Useful Websites:

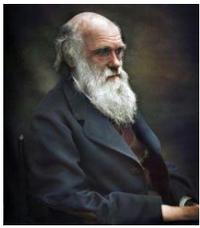
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw/articles/z9qs4qt>

https://kids.kiddle.co/Charles_Darwin

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd8fv9q/articles/zf6vb82>

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?

- Who was Charles Darwin and why was he famous?
- What did Mary Anning discover?
- What is evolution?



Survival of the fittest?

<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Mary Anning diary entries</p>	<p>Create a species descriptive and report writing</p>	<p>Explorer's discovery of a new environment</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Recap of calculation skills</p>		
<p>DT/Art</p>		<p>Pencil drawings and landscapes</p>	
<p>History/Geography</p>	<p>How have people changed over time?</p>		
<p>Computing</p>		<p>Spreadsheets</p>	
<p>RE</p>	<p>How do we know what happened at Easter?</p>		
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>Relationships</p>		
<p>Music</p>	<p>Evolution of Music</p>		
<p>Science</p>	<p>Evolution and Inheritance</p>		
<p>French</p>	<p>Likes & Dislikes and Where I live</p>		