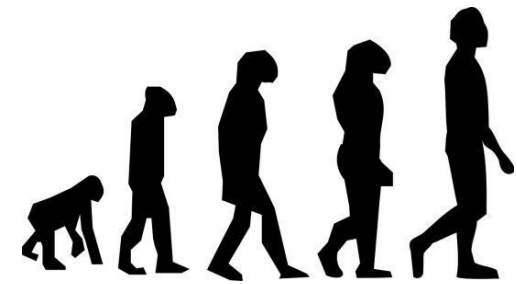


Year 5&6 Term 3 Newsletter 'Survival of the Fittest?'



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas! This term we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance through our topic of 'Survival of the Fittest?', focussing on habitats, famous scientists and animals around the world. Our PE days are Fridays, but please ensure your child's kit is always in school; as the timetable can sometimes change - trainers and coats **everyday** are essential.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly. Their books and book bags will need to be in every day. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in their reading diary, but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments space. A member of staff will be checking reading records on Fridays and children are expected to have read at least 3 times a week with an adult. Adults at school will not write in the books as we have our own records. Don't forget, children can earn raffle tickets for weekly reading! Year 6 also have a CGP Reading Activity Book - this is theirs to keep so please can they use it to work through and practice their reading skills.
Spellings	Spelling will be tested each week on a Thursday morning.
Times Tables	Please ensure that children are using Maths Rockstars at home to practise their times tables.
Maths	Y5 Maths homework will be on My Maths. Please ensure you support your children to complete this. This is given out weekly and due in on Fridays. Year 6 have Grammar (due every other Friday) and Maths Arithmetic books they are using for homework.

Helping to enrich our topics




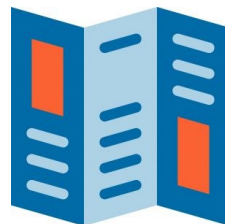


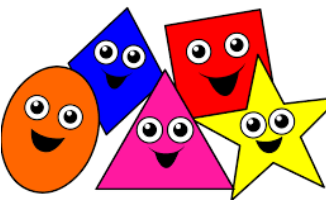




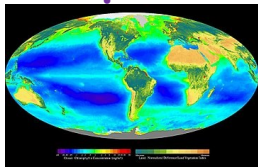
It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any knowledge or items that may help us with any of the work we are doing this term, we would love to see and hear about them.

Parent readers - We are always looking for extra parent helpers to hear readers, please let me know if you are available, even if it's a one off!

Reminders - Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

Many thanks, and I hope you have a great term!
Miss Purcell

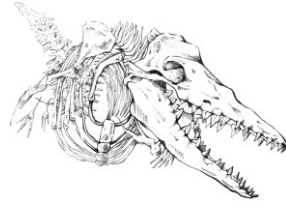
'Survival of the Fittest?' Learning Map

<h2>Literacy</h2>  <p>A word cloud centered around the word 'LITERACY'. Other words include 'READING', 'WRITING', 'CRITICAL', 'TECHNOLOGY', 'DIGITAL', 'CONSOLE', 'TABLET', 'BOOK', 'CENTURY', 'WRITER', 'THINKING', 'LITERARY', 'TECHNOLOGY', 'READER', 'DIGITAL', 'CONSOLE', 'TABLET', 'BOOK', 'CENTURY', 'WRITER', 'THINKING', 'LITERARY'.</p>	<h2>Biography</h2>  <p>A black and white portrait of Charles Darwin, showing him from the chest up, facing left. He has a long, full white beard and is wearing a dark suit.</p>	<h2>Newspaper Article</h2>  <p>A cartoon illustration of a newspaper. The masthead says 'DAILY NEWS'. There are several columns of text and a small picture on the right side.</p>	<h2>Informative leaflet</h2>  <p>A stylized illustration of a blue and orange leaflet or brochure, shown as if it's being held or displayed.</p>
<h2>Maths</h2>  <p>A collection of colorful mathematical symbols including a blue 'x', a yellow division sign, a green equals sign, and a red plus sign, arranged in a circular pattern.</p>	<h2>Measurement</h2>  <p>A collection of measurement tools including a yellow ruler, a red thermometer, a white clock face, and a yellow protractor.</p>	<h2>Properties of Shapes</h2>  <p>A collection of colorful, smiling cartoon shapes: a blue square, a red square, a yellow star, and an orange circle.</p>	<h2>Geometry</h2>  <p>A collection of geometry tools including a blue protractor, a yellow ruler, a pink triangle, and a yellow square.</p>
<h2>Geography</h2>  <p>A simple illustration of a globe showing the continents in green and blue oceans.</p>	<h2>Climates</h2>  <p>An illustration of a landscape with a sun, a thermometer, and a mountain range, representing different climate zones.</p>	<h2>Countries of the World</h2>  <p>A world map with different countries colored in various colors (red, yellow, green, blue, pink). The map is labeled 'WORLD MAP'.</p>	<h2>Biospheres</h2>  <p>A world map showing different biospheres or climate zones, with colors ranging from blue to red.</p>

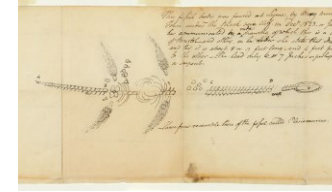
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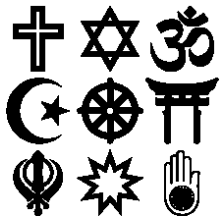
eSafety



Blogging - Purple Mash



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What can we learn from a mosque? What are the significant times of the year for Muslims?



Music



Happy



History

Famous Scientists from History

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

- 1) What does 'Evolution' mean?
- 2) What does 'Inheritance' mean?
- 3) Can you give an example of how an animal is adapted to survive?

Websites to explore:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-adaptation-and-evolution>