



## Key dates for Year 6

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Harry Potter Studios trip.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATS

**15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 residential to York and Scarborough.

## Homework

Details of a homework project, linked to our theme of 'evolution and inheritance' will be posted on Yammer. This homework will last for the duration of the half term and like the previous term, will give children the chance for independent research as well as giving them ownership over how they choose to present this information. I was VERY impressed with the amazing efforts with the WW1 homework.

Reading x 3 weekly.

Spellings – given out each Friday and tested the following Friday.

Maths – x 20 minutes Times Table Rockstars weekly.

## Weekly Reminders

PE days will continue to be on a Thursday and Friday. Children should come to school in their school PE kit or leavers hoodie. This half-term the children are doing handball and rugby.

Spellings will be published on Yammer on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.

Please can children bring in their reading diary on a Friday morning to be signed and make sure it is in school daily.

Children should also bring a water bottle and a **healthy snack** for morning (and afternoon if they wish) break. No chocolate, crisps or snacks containing nuts please.

## Further questions?

Please catch me (or a member of the Y6 team) on the door at the end of the school day or between 8:55- 9:00 before school. Alternatively, send me a message on Yammer. Please feel that you can approach us with any questions (no matter how small). We are all here to help.

Welcome back to the new term! I would like to again (on behalf of myself and the year 6 team) thank you for the wonderful generosity at Christmas time – we all really appreciated your kindness.

The children have settled in really quickly and we have already got straight into our new theme: the Galapagos Islands and Charles Darwin. Our theme will be explored in English, science, art and geography and I am really looking forward to seeing the amazing work that the children will produce. Shortly, a letter will be going out about the residential which is all arranged. Nearer the time, a meeting for parents/carers will be arranged to provide a more detailed overview and a chance to ask any questions. Please read below to find out about Spring 1 in year 6!

## Spring 1 Curriculum

The information below will give you an overview of what areas we will be covering across the curriculum this term.

**Maths** – This half term key focuses will measure, ratio and algebra. We will continue to have daily arithmetic bursts and time to recap key skills. Last term, we covered place value, the four operations, decimals, fractions and percentages so these we be areas we will continue to revisit. Any extra times tables work at home would also be hugely beneficial to help to improve children's speed and accuracy.

**English** – Our core text this term is Darwin's Dragon's by Lindsay Galvin; this text blends historical fiction with an element of fantasy. This will be used to cover key reading objectives and to inspire a range of creative writing. We will also be linking some non-fiction writing to our geography theme: the Galapagos Islands.

**Geography** – In geography, we will be exploring the Galapagos Islands. As well as developing locational knowledge and mapping skills, we will be learning about how the islands have changed over time as well as discussing current threats from human activity and sustainable solutions.

**Science** – Our science theme this half term is 'evolution and inheritance'. We will begin by exploring fossils and their formation before learning about variation in offspring and how animals have evolved and adapted to suit their environment. We will be exploring the work of Charles Darwin and Mary Anning.

**Art** – We will be using Modroc to make a sculpture of a Galapagos tortoise.

**RE** – We will be learning about Muslim families and important traditions in Islam. This builds on and develops previous learning from our year 4 study of Islam.

**Computing** – In computing, we will be covering online safety and databases.

**PSHE** – Our theme is healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

**French** - This will include revising and developing talking about hobbies and food.

**Music** – Mrs Chadbourne will continue to teach music with a focus on composition and performance.