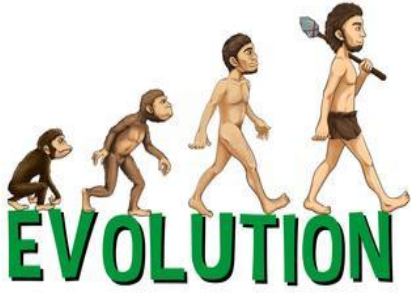




Saturn Class Update!

GET READY TO:

LEARN **see** DO
read **EXPLORE**
question **GROW**
laugh **SMILE**
IMPROVE **SHARE**
try write **CONNECT**
imagine **DO YOUR VERY BEST**



Our learning in April and May 2025:

This term, our topic will be a Science focus '**Evolution**' which will continue into next term. In this unit we will look at how living things produce offspring which inherit certain characteristics and investigate the terms 'variation' and 'adaption'. Focusing on the main theorists: Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace, we will see how separately they developed similar theories based on evidence discovered in the natural world and fossil records.

English:

For our final piece of non-fiction, we will be looking at issues surrounding Graffiti; asking the question: 'Is it art or not?' and writing a balanced argument from our findings. This will be followed by a 'TripAdvisor' report on our Whitehall residential.

Maths:

Our focus this half term will be:

- Statistics – line graphs; interpret and draw pie-charts; pie-charts and percentages;
- Also, arithmetic and reasoning groups will focus on SATs preparation.

NB: Please see the class page for guides to Maths understanding.

Homework:

- Reading – DAILY (20 minutes a day at home). Reading journals will be checked on a Monday but should be in school, with their reading book, every day. Although each child is allowed to read independently at home, it is vital that occasionally parents listen to their child read and discuss their reading with them. Please add a signature when you have heard your child read.
- Reading Comprehension - handed out Mondays: completed and returned the following Monday.
- SPaG – handed out Mondays: completed and returned on Mondays.
- Spellings – Handed out Mondays; worked on during the week and tested on the following Monday.
- Maths – handed out on Friday to be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.

If your child is finding homework tricky, please support them and make a note about the form of this help. However, if they continue to struggle, please make sure they seek help at school **before** the handing in date.

Useful information:

PE: MONDAYS. PE kit (plain, white top; plain, dark shorts/trousers; dark jumper/hoodie; trainers NOT pumps; and socks). It is important children have the **correct uniform for PE**.

Dates for the diary:

- 22nd April (Tuesday) – Back to School.
- 5th May – BANK HOLIDAY
- 8th May – School Disco
- 12th – 15th May – SATs Week (See Below)
- 16th May – Class Photographs.
- 19th – 21st May – Year 6 Whitehall Residential.
- 21st May – Ecclesbourne Open Evening, 7pm.
- 24th May – June 1st – HALF TERM
- 2nd June – INSET DAY
- 12th June – Music Concert.
- 16th – 20th – Fitness Week.
- 16th July – Leavers Performance, 1:45pm.
- 17th July – Leavers Performance, 6pm.

SATs Week

- Monday 12th May – English Grammar, Punctuation and spelling
Paper 1: Grammar (45mins)
Paper 2: Spelling (20 Mins)
- Tuesday 13th May – Reading Comprehension (1 hour)
- Wednesday 14th May – Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 mins)
Paper 2: Reasoning (40mins)
- Thursday 15th May – Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning (40mins)

In Year 6, there is a great expectation on appropriate behaviour, not only in preparation for secondary school but also as the eldest children in school. This year, alongside educational expectations, children will be developing their independence, leadership skills and demonstrating an appropriate role model to other years throughout the school. I am confident that children will rise to this challenge admirably. Parental help and support, in installing appropriate behaviour, helping to develop effective study habits and building independence is essential and much appreciated.

Any queries or information to pass on can be via the school office - Julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471 – or directly with myself at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mr Thomasson & the Year 6 team.