

Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

English

This term we will be linking our English to our topic 'Darwin's Delights'. Using the book by David Almond called 'Skellig', the children will be given a wide variety of opportunities to write, including diary entries, letter writing, character and setting descriptions as well as writing their own chapter of the book.

Also linked to the book, we will be studying poems by William Blake before writing our own poems based on the strange creature known as Skellig.

Later on in the term, we will be creating non-chronological reports based on the findings of Charles Darwin and the animals he studied on the Galapagos Islands.

Topic

'DARWIN'S DELIGHT'. Ship Ahoy! We are off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and his crew on HMS Beagle. Stop at the magical Galapagos Islands to see his amazing species that helped Darwin develop his theory of evolution.

See how animals adapt to their environments over time and meet some of the world's greatest explorers and naturalists.

In term two, make sure to have your passports ready as we experience some wild adventures in our topic "Eighty Days Around the World"

Owls Class Year 6

Science

Our topic this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance' which will be linked to our Darwin's Delights topic. Children identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environments in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

During T2 we will be '**Electrifying**' - Children will begin this unit with a revision of simple circuits and then lots of hands on experience with symbols, diagrams and incomplete circuits. Two enquiries about the length of wire in a circuit and the use of cells will be investigated as well as comparing series and parallel circuits.

PE

PE will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Wednesday's session will be taught by specialist PE teachers from Premier Sport and on Friday Mrs Simpson will be teaching Real PE. The children will need a labelled PE kit, and outdoor clothes and trainers.

Mathematics

During the Autumn term, the main focus will be Number and Fractions. Children will learn about and have a secure understanding of place value. They will: read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit. Use negative numbers in context, and calculate intervals across zero, as well as solving number problems and practical problems.

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division will also be taught along with solving one step and two step word problems and the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

A mental arithmetic assessment will be completed each week. Times tables tests will be weekly.

RE and PSHE

During this term, children will be exploring the different views of the creation story. They will be analysing both the scientific theory and the Christian creation story to see if they are conflicting views or whether they could possibly compliment each other.

Homework

Reading: Children are asked to read **every day** and have their reading records signed by a parent/guardian, ready to be checked the following day.

Maths and English – Homework will be given out on Thursdays to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Spellings: given out on Friday to be learnt for following Friday's test.

PLEASE ENSURE THE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR READING BOOKS EVERY DAY.