

# Year 6 Newsletter

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We hope that you had a wonderful and magical winter holiday full of festivities, fun and food!  
We can't wait to hit the ground running in 2023!

## Topic - Our Perfect Planet

A new term means the beginning of an exciting new topic, and this is one that we know the children are going to get their brains stuck into! Back by popular demand, our topic of Our Perfect Planet delves into the issues that our children have already shown their interest and passion for. In Term 3, we will explore the history of our planet up until now - What were the origins of life? What made/makes our planet a perfect one? What is Darwin's theory of evolution and adaptation and how did he come about it? We will explore these questions through Science (Biology), Geography, Art and many more.

## Writing

In Writing this term the children will be building upon their understanding of a range of genres and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling knowledge to create narratives that use figurative language, a range of basic and higher-level punctuation (such as semi-colons and colons to join clauses) and a range of other grammatical tools (such as the perfect and progressive verb tenses and changes in perspective) to create narratives and non-fictional pieces of work that the reader cares about and is drawn into.

## Reading

In our Guided Reading lessons, we will be exploring a range of non-fictional texts, such as Charles Darwin's diary extracts and non-chronological reports, to discover more about our exciting Topic. As a skill focus, we will be exploring how to give verbal and written answers that are justified using appropriate evidence from the text.

Please ensure that your child is reading for at least 20 minutes a night at home.

Reading for 20 minutes each day, means that, on average, you will read 1.8 million words a year!

20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,00 words per year	8,000 words per year



## Important Reminders

- Please ensure that reading record books are in school on a Monday. This should also be signed by an adult from home.
- Home learning is due in on a Thursday each week and, in preparation for secondary school, pupils that haven't completed this home learning will be expected to complete it during their lunch time with a member of staff.
- If you, or your child, feel that they need some extra support with their home learning, please let one of the members of staff in Year 6 know and we will do our best to find time during the week to help them with their home learning.
- A large number of children are still coming to school without a coat or suitable Winter clothing - it is essential your child comes to school in appropriate clothing, especially with our typically unpredictable British weather!

## Mathematics

In Maths this term, the children will be exploring Fractions and decimals their interconnected relationships. Following this, we will begin to explore our units of measure, ration and algebra in which we will delve into converting units, finding rules, substitution, expressions and solving equations. We will continue to group the children into three regularly reviewed fluid groups within Mathematics to meet their specific needs in each unit.

