

## This Terms News

PE Days for year 6 are Tuesday and Friday. A small selection of children (you will have been contacted) are also swimming on a Wednesday morning. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days, making sure they wear appropriate footwear for outdoor sessions.

The children will need to record in their reading diaries every time they read at home. We will collect these in once a week to check the children's progress. Thank you for your continued support!

Our topic in Science this half term is Evolution and Inheritance. During this unit of work, children will be learning about the significant scientific influencers Charles Darwin and Mary Anning by exploring what evolution means and how living things have changed over time, as well as learning that fossils provide information about species that inhabited Earth millions of years ago. They will also be thinking about how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environments.

Our theme for this half term is 'Crime and Punishment' with a strong focus on the Tudors and how crime and punishment has changed or stayed the same since Tudor times. The children will learn how changes to the justice system have happened over time, while also considering whether the punishments used throughout history were fitting for the crime that was committed. The children will finally consider how history has helped to form the justice system we have in place today.

As readers this half term, year 6 will be completing an in-depth study of the text 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. In reading, the children will be learning to retrieve and record information, as well as studying the meaning of words in context.

As writers, the children in year 6 will be learning to write adventure stories and diaries. They will learn how to use a range of features including fronted adverbials, and active and passive voice to heighten engagement. The children will learn how to write for a range of different audiences.

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As Mathematicians, this half term we will begin by looking at place value, learning to read and recognise numbers to 4,000,000. The children will use strategies such as the Gattegno chart and place value cards to support their understanding of these numbers. Children will learn how to count forwards and backwards in steps of 10, specifically focusing on digit changes when counting in 10's, 100's, 1000's and 10,000's.

Our next unit is Addition and Subtraction where the children will be learning to explore different ways of adding and subtracting sets of single digit numbers.



## Curriculum News

This half term our topic is: Crime and Punishment

This term our art topic will focus on creating 3D sculptures using a less familiar, malleable material. The children will begin by looking at great artists such as Alberto Giacometti and how they used sculpture to convey emotion / messages. They will then be given the opportunity to create tinfoil sculptures, learning how to manipulate the material in a variety of different ways.

In Religion and Worldviews this term we will be studying Fairness and Justice. Throughout this unit we will consider what is fair and social injustice. We will then look at 'freedom' and what this means to people of different faiths.

As part of our PE curriculum the children will begin by completing a body management course as well as learning to play a variety of invasion games.

