



Our Year 6 Classroom News

Spring Term Information

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From the Year 6 Team

Thank you for all your support this term and we are very pleased with the children's attitude to their learning and their progress.

We hope you all have a lovely holiday and the children return in January refreshed and raring to go for our new term and an exciting new topic! Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Rebecca Davidson, Jen Stanley, Dawn Burton and the team

Our Topic

We are very excited to announce our spring term topic, 'Survival of the Fittest'. It will have a geography focus, when we will be looking at Antarctica (including Ernest Shackleton's expedition) and studying its environment, including the effect of Global Warming. There will also be a science and history focus, looking at 'Evolution and Inheritance' and the work of Charles Darwin and Mary Anning. We will be exploring these learning questions:

- How can we survive in Antarctica?
- What is the environment of Antarctica and how is it being affected by Global Warming?
- What is it like to live in Antarctica?
- How are penguins adapted to survive in Antarctica?
- Why is Charles Darwin famous?
- Where and when did the Endurance travel?
- What events happened to the crew of the Endurance?
- What finally happened to the crew of the Endurance?
- Who was more influential, Charles Darwin or Mary Anning?
- Can we scale models and maps up and down?
- What does 'Survival of the Fittest' mean for the future?

We will be learning in an exciting, cross-curricular way next term, meaning lots of subjects will be combined and taught in creative ways, producing wonderful outcomes and promoting a real enthusiasm for the topic.

The children will continue to work with Mrs Miller on Friday mornings: next term she will be doing art activities. They will also continue to have Miss Riley for Computing.

On Thursday 10th January, we will have our topic **Launch Day** and we would like the children to dress in 'Survival' outfits. These could include cold weather clothes, camouflage outfits etc. We would also like the children to bring in a survival kit, in which they have packed items they consider essential for survival. Throughout that day, we will be doing fun and exciting activities to launch our topic.

Things to Remember

Home Learning: The children will continue to have Reading Journal, Reading Log, Maths and Spelling homework each week. Occasionally, they will also be set other homework. Please continue to ensure that your child completes their homework to the best of their ability and returns it to school on the correct day:
* Reading Journals, Reading Logs and maths homework are due in on Mondays
* Spelling homework is due in on Tuesdays.
In year 6, it is very important that the children develop good habits for their homework, as it helps prepare them for the transition to secondary school.

NB NEW PE TIMES FOR DANCE LESSONS: PE Times

Marble Arch and Monument classes:

Tuesdays and Fridays

Moorgate class:

Wednesdays and Fridays

LAUNCH DAY:

Our 'Survival of the Fittest' Launch Day is on Thursday 10th January (see left for details).



Important Dates

7 th Jan	Children back to school
10 th Jan	Launch Day
16 th and 17 th Oct	Parents Evenings
w/b 4 th Mar	World Book Week
14 th Mar	Moorgate trip to Downe House
21 st Mar	Marble Arch trip to Downe House
27 th Mar	Monument trip to Downe House
w/b 1 st Apr	Science Week