



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 there) and comparing its environment with different environments around the world. There will also be a science and history focus, looking at 'Evolution and Inheritance' and the work of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace. In addition to this we will be exploring issues related to climate change. We will be exploring these learning questions:

- How can we survive in Antarctica?
- What is life like in Antarctica?
- How do penguins look after their eggs?
- How is Grove Park different to Antarctica and Buenos Aires?
- 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?
- Why is Charles Darwin famous?
- 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.

On Tuesday 7th January, we will have our topic **Launch Day**. We would 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.

Please can each child remember to bring in a black sock and a patterned sock for making a sock penguin and if possible a bag of plain, dry rice.

Things to Remember

Home Learning: The children will continue to have Reading Journal, maths and spelling homework and reading 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 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.

PE Times

Marble Arch: Mondays and Thursday

Moorgate classes: Monday and Wednesday

Monument class: Wednesdays and Thursday

LAUNCH DAY: Our 'Survival of the Fittest' Launch Day is on Tuesday 7th January (see left for details).



Important Dates

6 th Jan	Children back to school
7 th Jan	Launch Day (school uniform but bring in a survival bag)
12 th and 13 th Feb	Parents Evenings
14 th Feb	Break up for half term
24 th Feb	Back to school
5 th March	World Book Day (dress up day)
26 th March	Trip to London Zoo
3rd April	Break up for Easter