



**Summer 1
2021**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for all of your support over the past term. The government announced that the official Key Stage 2 SATs assessments would not be taking place like originally planned in May. Nevertheless, we will continue to revise and consolidate all core objectives from Key Stage 2 during the next half term. It is important to ensure children are fully prepared and ready for their transition to high school and, as a result, children will take part in assessments in the summer term. These will be used to form teacher assessments and support children as they progress to secondary school. We will continue to work hard and have high expectations of pupils during our Math and English revision sessions.

Throughout the year, we have strived to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. Consequently, whilst revising, we will also launch an exciting topic to capture the children's interest and imagination. The topic "Darwin's Delights" in the afternoon sessions, will cover aspects of science including inheritance and evolution. We also make links to our topic during reading and writing sessions in English. We will spend time preparing children for High School and supporting them in their transition to Key Stage 3.

Thank you for your continued support.
Year 6 Teachers

Maths

Children will learn about ratio and proportion. They will also learn to apply their skills by solving real-life problems that encourage them to scale up and scale down.

Children will continue to revise maths concepts using their 'Achieve the Expected Standard' Revision Books. This gives them the opportunity to reflect on their strengths and also focus on areas that need to be developed. Revision areas will include: algebra, measurement, angles and properties of shape.

Alongside this revision, we will continue to perfect arithmetic skills including written calculation, times tables knowledge, fractions, percentages and decimals. It is vital that children can apply these skills accurately and efficiently.

English

Our English writing units this half term will include poetry-writing about some of the amazing animals in our world.

We will then complete an in-depth study of Charles Darwin's journal writing and write our own journal of discovery in the same style.

Our final writing unit this half term will be a discussion text, understanding how to give two sides of an argument fairly and express points of view.

We will also continue with regular independent reading, text analysis, comprehension work and daily reading of a new exciting class novel.

Darwin's Delights



We're off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and his crew on HMS *Beagle*. Can you trace his route across the vast ocean? Stop at the magical Galápagos Islands to see the amazing species that helped Charles Darwin to develop his theory of evolution by natural selection. Do you know what's so special about a marine iguana or why the blue-footed booby has blue feet?

See how animals adapt to their environments over time and meet some of the world's greatest explorers and naturalists. Imagine how humans will evolve in millions of years. It's a scary thought. Ready to trace the origin of species? Let's set sail.

