



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the official Key Stage 2 SATs assessments will not be taking place as originally planned in May, we will continue to revise and consolidate all core objectives from Key Stage 2 during this half term so that the children are fully prepared for their transition to high school. Instead of their official SATs assessments, the children will take end of year assessments in June. 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 maths and English revision sessions.

Throughout the year, we have strived to provide a broad and balanced curriculum and we will continue with our exciting "Darwin's Delights" topic in the afternoon sessions, covering aspects of science including inheritance and evolution. We will also complete our Sex and Relationships Education work about growing up and 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

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

Then, we will complete an exciting Theme Park Maths Project where the children will plan, cost and market a theme park of their design using lots of maths skills including:

- Using tally charts
- Calculating costs
- Estimating revenue
- Working out percentages

English

Our English writing units this half term will focus on transition to Key Stage 3. We will complete various writing tasks to send over to high school so that the teachers there can see the fantastic work they are capable of and will be able to create plans to further their writing skills next year. The children will write about themselves, their hopes for the future and also take part in some virtual lessons with Brookvale English teachers.

We will also continue with regular independent reading, text analysis, comprehension work and daily reading of our class novel, Darwin's Dragons.

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

