

Spoken Language:

Children will engage in spoken language lessons when debating key themes from the novel to prepare for their writing.

Writing:

Children will write a formal letter to the authorities to ask for advice on a creature that they have found and will write the opening chapter to the Skellig sequel.

PE:

Children will complete a dance unit focusing on rhythm and movement.

Spanish:

Children will continue to learn their introductory unit of Spanish, revisiting colours, numbers and basic language.

Art:

Children will learn how to sketch effectively to create a human-like figure with wings.

Music:

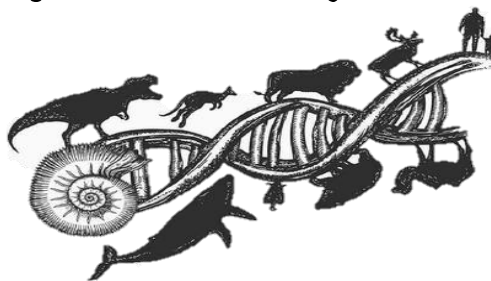
In music, year 6 will be learning about the origins of calypso music and exploring the musical elements of pitch, duration and texture using calypso rhythms.

Engage:

Children will go on a trip to Cumberland House Museum in Southsea to explore topics linked to their science learning. This will also help them prepare to create our own museum.

Key question: How has biology shaped life as we know it?

Life as we know it



Prove it:

Children will respond to the key question by choosing an area of science to learn about in more detail using their existing knowledge.

Topic Showcase

Parents will be invited along to visit our life as we know it museum on **Thursday 14th December 2023 at 2.15pm or after school.**

Maths:

Children will learn about fractions to build on their knowledge from year 5.

Computing:

To understand how to use search engines effectively and discuss googleable and non-googleable questions when completing our own research.

Science:

Children will learn about how biology has shaped our lives now with a focus on evolution of humans and plants, adaptation and inheritance. The children will complete a range of science experiments to extend their learning.

PSHE:

Children will learn about how people are different and how these differences are celebrated.

RE:

Children will discuss the concept of prophecy focusing on The Magi in the context of the Christmas story.

Things to explore with your child!

PE:

Year 6 pupils are expected to have their PE kit every day.

Home Learning:

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday. This half-term there will be a home learning project to complete which will be due on **Tuesday 12th December 2023.**

Reading:

You could explore other books by David Almond to prepare them to write in this style.

Try exploring some non-fiction books to extend their learning on fossilisation, inheritance and evolution.

Writing:

Research key aspects of WW2 with your child using the internet or books.

Talk to them about what they think it would have been like for a child in the war.

What different roles could they write about?

Maths:

It is really important that your child practises their times tables to support with their fluency.

Ensure that your child completes their maths home learning on Carousel each week and see your child's teacher if they need help.

Science:

Research the natural world and explore how this changed over time.

What can they learn about David Attenborough and his impact on the natural world?

Useful websites and resources:

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_science/the_human_body/evolution_and_inheritance/evolution_and_inheritance.html

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/teaching-resources/key-stage-2/evolution-and-inheritance.html>



Home Learning Project Ideas

Life as we know it

Create your own David Attenborough style video.

Sketch some wildlife or vegetation that you are curious about.

Become a palaeontologist. Make a fossil and explain what it shows.

Create a fact file for a biologist of your choice.

Create your own evolutionary chart for your favourite animal.

Complete your own family tree showing what you have inherited from your family.

Create your own tree of life.

Explore in more detail what killed the dinosaurs.

Please complete at least one activity. Projects are due on **12th December 2023.**