



# Year 6

## Autumn Term 2 2020

### Our learning this term:

This half-term will be divided into two main blocks. The first centres around the science theme of evolution and inheritance. We will be introducing the children to the theory of evolution and how it explains the way living organisms have changed and adapted over time. We will learn about Charles Darwin, as well as Mary Anning (whose work highlighted the significance of fossils in our understanding of evolution.)

The science block will link well to our English, where we will be writing non-chronological reports about real and imaginary creatures.

As the half-term progresses, we will begin the second block, which is geography. This will focus on the Polar regions - Antarctica and the Arctic Circle - and the differences between them. The children will also learn about the epic journey of William Shackleton to Antarctica.

In English, spelling and grammar will continue to have a focus this term as we help the children to improve the accuracy of their spelling, develop their vocabulary and improve their skills as writers.

In mathematics, we will begin by completing a unit on multiplication and division. We will then move onto multiples, factors and prime numbers. Before Christmas, we will begin a major unit of work on fractions, decimals and percentages. From week to week, we will also be continuing to develop proficiency in arithmetic skills.

Each week, the children will also have PE, RE and PSHE. Forest Schools will also continue - the schedule for this will be shared with each class. In art, we will be focusing on landscapes.

### Routines

On Tuesdays, all three classes will have an outdoor P.E lesson. On Thursdays, they will have swimming lessons.

Spellings will usually be given out on a Monday for the children to practise at home; spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

Maths and English homework will be set each week now on a Wednesday, to be returned by the following Tuesday.

Library days:

Mrs. Humphries' class - Tuesdays

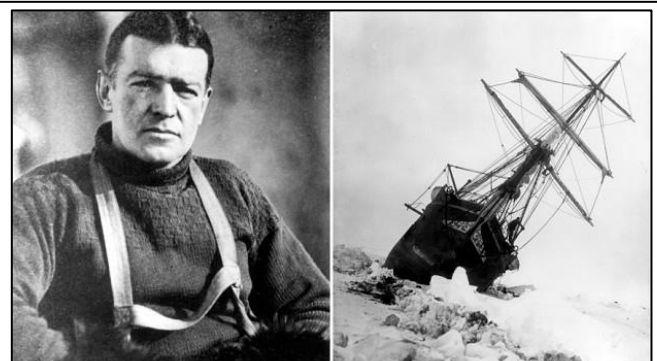
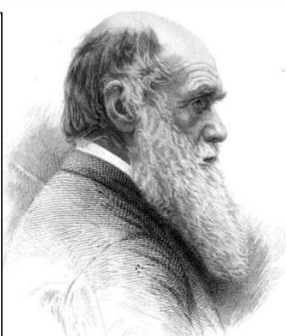
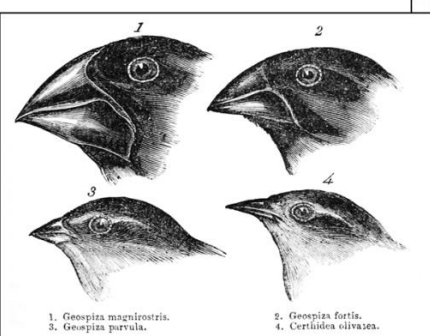
Mr. Collins' class - Thursdays

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### Reading

We will continue to emphasise the importance of reading at home and hope that the children will find this enjoyable and fulfilling. Reading regularly at home is crucial in Year 6 for helping children to make progress as readers. Our expectation continues that the children read for at least an hour a week, spread across four or more days. Ideally, children need to read for a sustained period of at least 15 minutes. We have plenty of books in our classrooms as well as in the school library.

The children need to use their Reading Diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. Guidance on completing this section has been given to the children. Reading Diaries are needed in school every day



William Shackleton and his ship, HMS Endurance.