



# Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

## Welcome Back

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to school fit and well and ready for what is going to be a busy term. Ship ahoy! We're off on an exciting journey with Charles Darwin and his crew on the HMS Beagle.

During this term, we're going to investigate a range of animal specimens, describing the characteristics of the creatures according to their environment. We'll use a range of non-fiction books and media to investigate adaptation, natural selection, variation and inheritance. We'll collect natural items and discover what plants live around our school and will trace Darwin's steps using maps and create sketchbooks to record the plants, flowers and trees we encounter. Using maps and globes, we'll plan an expedition.

In English, our text How to Live Forever will allow us lots of writing experiences We are also looking forward to our library visits on 20th, 22nd and 26th January.

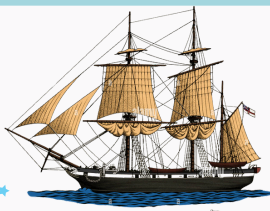
At the end of our Spring term unit, we'll think about why the Galapagos Islands developed such diverse animal life, and why they might be under threat. We'll also think about what Darwin would have worked on if he were alive today. How would he use our technology?

## Last Term

The children have responded well to their new teaching groups and really benefited from the targeting teaching that is in place. We have really enjoyed our Autumn term Topic (Are you ready to go to war?) it has been brilliant to see how engaged our children have been and the extra information they were able to bring to the sessions. They also enjoyed the residential to Standon Bowers in September.

The Children experienced lots of interesting learning activities and projects last term, including walks around our local area, design and technology work (make do and mend), as well as completing a variety of fantastic written pieces based upon the war theme and the Rose Blanche text.

One of the highlights of the term has been Year 6 leading our annual Remembrance Service, this year with some very distinguished guests including the the Mayor of Stafford Their presentation and singing was a real credit to our community and we were so proud of each and every one of them. The children also enjoyed participating in a dance experience day.



**Thank You, The Year 6 Team  
Mr Elks, Mrs Stott, Mrs Saville**

## Revision Sessions & SAT's

Our English and Maths lessons will continue as normal during the Spring term in preparation for SATs in May. We have a planned week of practice SATs on the week of 2nd March where children will have the opportunity to experience the 'test' conditions in the hall. This will also inform our ongoing assessment of the children and ensure we are teaching and grouping to meet specific needs. As ever if you have any questions or concerns please contact a member of the Year 6 Team.



## Dojo

Our main method of communication with parents will be via Dojo through our year group page. Please ensure you check for messages and updates on a regular basis. If you have any questions, then you can send a message to your child's teacher and we will endeavor to reply as soon as possible.

