



Year 6 Spring 2 Newsletter



Coming up in Spring 2

The Awesome Egyptians

We will be learning about the achievements of the earliest civilisations, focusing specifically on life in Ancient Egypt. The children will be learning about some of the more gory processes the Ancient Egyptians conducted once a pharaoh had died. Through their English, the children will create their own set of instructions for how to mummify a corpse. Alongside this, the children will be perfecting their mastery of sculpture when they create their own Ancient Egyptian-inspired mask.



Using all of our learning, we will answer the question:
What makes a civilisation?

Thank you for your continued support
Year 6 Team

Our English learning will include writing stories inspired by the heritage text 'Stig of the Dump'. Every chapter in the book is its own unique story. The children will imitate the structure of a chapter with their own story ideas with an emphasis on writing speech for different purposes.

As well as this, the children will learn about mummification. They will write a persuasive set of mummification instructions for an advert.



Our Mathematics learning will focus on areas and perimeters of rectilinear shapes, interpreting and constructing pie charts and line graphs, converting between standard units of measure, volume of cubes and cuboids and calculating the mean of a set of data.

Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF) unit is:

Valuing Difference



The key learning points are:

- the importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs.
- the characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties.
- what a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive

How you can support your child's learning at home



Supporting your child to complete their Home Learning each week is one of the best ways that you can help from home. In readiness for secondary school, we would recommend using SumDog daily for Maths or Spelling focused retrieval practice. The more your child uses SumDog, the more tailored it becomes to their individual needs. By simply playing the games regularly, they will progress through the skills for the year group that they are currently working within on the programme.

Useful practice areas are:

- times tables and division facts (up to 12x12)
- prime numbers, cubed and squared numbers
- adding and subtracting fractions (including mixed numbers)
- finding percentages of amounts (e.g. 35% of 620, 52% of 700)
- calculating with decimals
- long multiplication and long division

Year 6 Messages

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Art Gallery on Tuesday 7th February. We really hope you enjoyed the chance for the children to share their art with you.

Thank you for your continued support and feedback with the new Home Learning. Please return Home Learning books by Thursday each week, at which point, reading books can be exchanged.

Dates for your Year 6 diary

We would like to invite parents to the following information evenings on:

Tuesday 7th March at 5:30pm (SATs information)

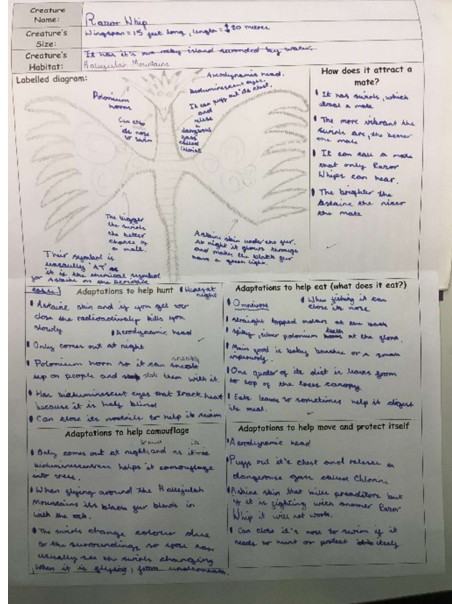
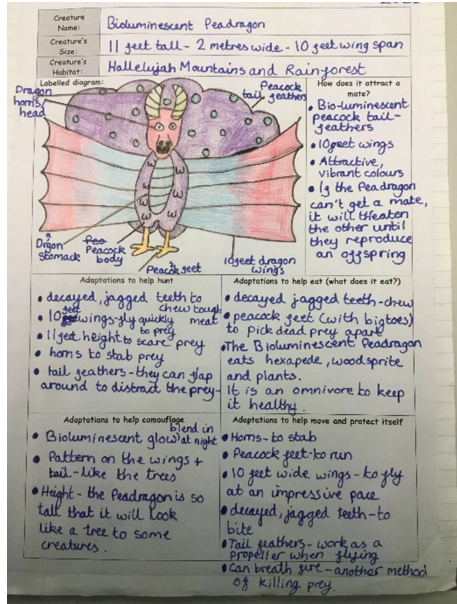
Tuesday 14th March at 5:30pm (Sex and Relationships information)

Find out about the wonderful learning we did in Spring 1 on the next page...

Our Learning in Spring 1

Crazy Creatures

This term, the children learnt all about the evolution and adaptations of different animals and plants. They used their scientific knowledge to create their own creatures linked to our English learning about the moon Pandora, from the film Avatar. The children thought carefully about the different adaptations their creature would need to survive in such a hostile environment. They had to write like 'scientists' reporting back to Earth about what they discovered.



Alongside this, we used Pandora as our inspiration for **landscape artwork**. The children learnt how to overpaint and studied the images of Vincent Van Gogh. They used his particular way of overpainting and use of rhythm, to create their final pieces of art. It was a pleasure to have so many of you attend our art gallery which gave the children the opportunity to share their creations and teach you what they had learnt.

Highlights from our Art Gallery

