



Montagu Academy
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Year 6

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term (I)

In **Mathematics** we will be focussing on the following:

- Reading, writing and ordering numbers, rounding and negative numbers
- Formal methods of the four operations and applying this to problem solving.
- Fractions

In **Writing** we will be focussing on the following:

- The Matchbox Diary: diary, letter and narrative writing.; focusing on parts of a sentence, conjunctions and speech
- 'A work of Shakespeare' - setting, characterisation and narrative.

In **Reading** we will be focussing on the following:

- Retrieving and recording information from fiction and non-fiction.
- Make inferences from the text, using evidence to support their answers.

Other areas of the curriculum

Science Evolution and inheritance	Computing iJam: music and composing	Religious Education Judaism: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Geography The voyages of Charles Darwin	History Charles Darwin and Mary Anning	Art Fossils and plants: sketching, clay, watercolour
Music Composing music	PE Dance and Tag rugby	MfL Colours, body parts
Design & Technology Theatre props	PSHCE Building Learning Power	British Values Democracy

Our **Imaginative Learning Project** theme is...



Darwin's delights

These are some of the things we'll be covering:

- Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.
- Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.
- Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate the Galapagos islands and describe their features
- Study an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 by exploring the work of Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and Gregor Mendel.

Can you help? Anything associated with this half term's topic would be greatly appreciated! (Books, artefacts etc)

Homework

The children will be set learning log style homework initially, but will then be given maths and grammar homework as part of their SAT revision. Currently, homework is set on a Friday and is due in on Wednesday. This may change as the homework changes towards revision style homework, but we will always let you know of any changes through dojo as well as the children's planners.

How you can support your child's learning at home

- Talk to your child about their learning log homework, helping them gather information and encouraging them to put this in their own words.
- Encouraging them to complete homework as soon as it is set.
- Encouraging them to ask for help before the homework is due in.
- Encouraging the children to read 5 times a week.
- Ask children questions about the books they are reading.

Other news...

Thursday 21st September: SATs meeting for parents at 3.30pm in 6O

Week beginning Monday 25th September: Shakespeare week. The children shall rehearse and make props for the play during the week, before performing the final piece on the afternoon of Friday 29th September (time to be confirmed). For the final performance on Friday the children need to be dressed in either all white or all blue (their choice).

Wednesday 18th October: Doncaster Book Award Launch at the Doncaster Dome. Approximately returning to school at 3.30pm