



We have a very exciting half-term ahead of us in Goldcrest Class. Here is a taster of some of things that we have planned...

Science

Our first science topic this year is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will learn how living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Pupils will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. They will also identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. We have launched this topic by supporting the Jeans for Genes charity and learning about the important work they do.

Pupils will be learning about Charles Darwin and his influential work relating to The Theory of Evolution. They will produce a biography detailing what they have learnt about his life and fascinating findings.

War and Conflict

Our main topic for next half-term will be to consider how societies are affected by war and conflict. In English, we will be focusing on World War One. Pupils will study a range of well-known war poetry before composing their own versions.

Our core text will be: Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Your child has been issued with their login details for this computer programme, so that they can develop their recall skills at home. It is essential that children in Year 6 know all of the times tables facts and can recall these without having to count on their fingers!

SATs Companion

Your child will be issued with their login details for this computer programme at some point this week. This will enable them to practise the grammar, spelling and punctuation objectives at home.

Routines:

- New spelling words issued
- P.E. – Thursdays and Fridays
- I.C.T – Thursdays
- Homework – Thursdays (to be completed for the following Tuesday)
- Spelling Quiz – Fridays
- Arithmetic Quiz - Fridays
- Reading Diary check - Wednesdays

Reading

Pupils will be bringing home their reading books this week. It is expected that children read four times a week and that this reading activity is recorded in reading diaries. As Year 6 pupils are older, I am happy for them to write in their own diaries, but kindly ask that a parent initials this once a week please.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Coverley.
 Regards, Miss Watson