



The Greville's Termly Update

Autumn Term 2024

YEAR 6



Year 6 has been very busy this half term with some fantastic learning and enrichment opportunities. We have been very impressed with their hard work, enthusiasm and progress. It was wonderful to see so many of the children performing in last week's music concerts and the pupil's were incredible ambassadors at each of our open mornings this term.

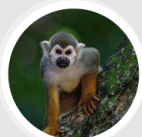
– Miss Simpson (Year 6, Assistant Head Teacher and Year Group Leader)

MATHS

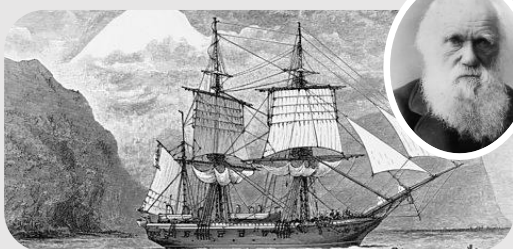
In maths, the main focus this half term has been on fractions. The children have worked to master ordering, simplifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. They have made progress in developing their accuracy and applying reasoning skills to solve complex problems. It has been encouraging to see their confidence grow and we have used the last couple of weeks to really consolidate the more challenging aspects of fraction and number, ahead of the Christmas break.

SCIENCE

In science, we have been studying evolution and inheritance. This began with exploring how animals have adapted to different environments and how living things with traits are better suited to their environment and are more likely to survive and reproduce.

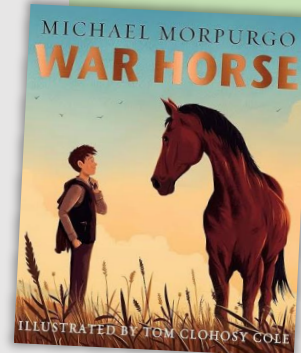


In addition, the children explored Charles Darwin's work in the Galapagos Islands and explore the differences between inherited and environmental traits.



ENGLISH

In English this half term, the children have been studying Michael Morpurgo's War Horse. Inspired by the story, they have explored life during World War I through their writing. They have written informal letters from soldiers in the trenches, providing a glimpse into the emotions and experiences of wartime.



They also created detailed non-chronological reports about life in the trenches and wrote fictional descriptions of Joey, the horse, running through the chaos of the battlefield using figurative language. To end the unit, the children wrote thoughtful poems in response to the theme of war. Their writing has shown creativity and attention to detail.

HISTORY

In history, the children learned about the Ancient Greeks and their influence on the modern world. They explored primary and secondary sources to understand more about the Olympic Games, daily life in Ancient Greece, and the role of Greek gods in their culture.



OTHER AREAS

In computing, the children developed graphic design and image editing skills, which complemented their work in art, where they turned their attention to re-designing food packaging, combining creativity with practical design considerations.

We have even packed fun-filled learning opportunities even into the final week of term! This week, the children have participated in an online workshop run by the Natural History Museum to round off our science learning about Evolution and Inheritance. We were excited to welcome Mrs Mead back to the team this week and she will be resuming responsibility for 6SM as well as her role as Year Group Leader from January.

As we look ahead to the festive season, we want to thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We wish you and your families a very 'Merry Christmas' and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to learn in the new term. – The Year 6 Team