

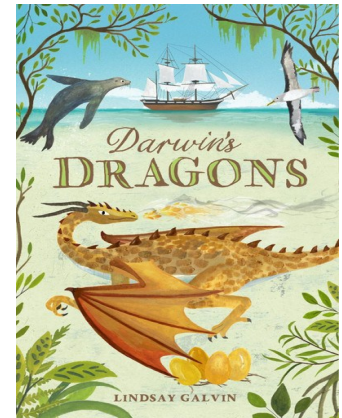
Year 6
Spring 2
All At Sea



Reading

English

Our class text is 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. The story follows Syms Covington, a poor boy in 19th-century England, who becomes an assistant to the young naturalist Charles Darwin aboard HMS Beagle. Syms is resourceful and practical, joining the voyage to escape his difficult life and earn money for his family. We will continue to use VIPERS skills in lessons.



Writing

In Writing this half term, pupils in Year 6 will be exploring different fiction and non-fiction genres, including a mixed genre story and a recount. In these units of work, they will learn how to use passive voice sentences, vary their sentence openers for cohesion including progressive verbs, subordinate clauses and prepositional phrases. They will also explore how to use a variety of figurative language techniques to develop their purpose and intent for writing.

Tier 2 vocabulary

Tier 2 vocabulary are words that are used in many situations and contexts. This term, your child will learn the meaning of the following words in some of these contexts:

concentrate cycle energy margin purchase survey

**Practice
Makes
Perfect**

Spellings

Practise your spellings at least 3 times per week on Spelling Shed.

W/b 23.2.26

Words with origins in other languages

hoist
easel
restaurant
pyjamas
bungalow
veranda
ballet
blizzard
gymkhana
origin

W/b 2.3.26

Words with unstressed vowel sound

explanatory
environment
secretary
jewellery
poisonous
company
desperate
definitely
reference
temperature

w/b 9.3.26

Words with 'cial'/shul/ after a vowel

antisocial
official
superficial
special
artificial
social
racial
crucial
facial
beneficial

w/b 16.3.26

Words with 'tial'/shul/

influential
martial
spatial
partial
confidential
essential
substantial
potential
sequential
torrential

w/b 23.3.26

Words beginning with 'acc'

accompany
accommodate
access
accuse
accost
accrue
accuracy
accomplish
accumulate
accentuate

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Words ending with 'ably'

changeably
noticeably
dependably
comfortably
reasonably
adorably
valuably
believably
considerably
tolerably

STEM

Maths

Pupils will learn about equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages. They will also work out percentages of an amount and solve problems. In addition, pupils will learn to calculate area and perimeter of 2D shapes and volume of 3D shapes, how to read and interpret graphs and charts and how to calculate the mean. Children should practise their times tables at least 3 times per week on Times Tables Rock Stars and also use My Maths for their homework and to practise other maths-based skills.

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Science

This term, children will be learning about 'evolution', including how organisms have adapted to their environment and how this is linked to adaptations over long periods. They will research human and plant adaptations as well as find out these are linked to selective breeding in plants and animals.

Personal Development

Physical Education

During this half term in PE, pupils will be practising some key concepts such as marking, switching play, using width and channelling in Tag Rugby. In their indoor PE lessons, Year 6 will be learning to play Basketball. They will be developing their dribbling, passing, defending and shooting skills. Pupils will learn to cooperate as a team to keep possession of the ball and play competitively against others.

Computing

Children will learn to code, exploring variables in games. As part of this learning, children will make their own versions of well-known games, such as Crossy Road and Flappy Bird, and how variables, such as 'If' and 'When', are needed as part of their creation.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, pupils will continue to learn about how to keep personal information and themselves safe. They will be taught how to evaluate media sources and consider what to share online. The unit will also cover learning about finance and teach pupils important skills of budgeting and considering 'want' vs 'need' when it comes to spending money.

The Arts

DT

This half term, the pupils in Year 6 will be learning about textiles. They will evaluate different wall hangings as a starting point to design and create their own.

Music

In Music this half term children will be experiencing live orchestral music at the Barbican, in March with the London Symphony Orchestra. We will explore the pieces and composers prior to the trip. There will also be a song to learn and repertoire for classes to play as an ensemble.



Humanities

History

Pupils will be studying the Tudor time period of British history. Using a variety of sources, they will be learning about aspects of life in this period, including King Henry VIII and his wives, Tudor jobs, homes and significant events.



French

Children will learn how to tell the time: o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and 5 minute intervals. They will learn how to use 24 hour times and the way in which the French represent a.m. and p.m. The children will use airport arrival and departure boards and a school timetable to consolidate and practise the skills learned.

Homework

Reading — at least 5 times per week.

Write this in your planner.

Spelling Shed — complete 10 games per week.

Times Table Rockstars — at least 3 times, for 15 minutes

MyMaths — Children log on and complete the set questions.

Optional tasks:

Create a family tree of the Tudor Kings and Queens.
Have a go at creating a 'Reading Rocks' review based on your library book and create a video recording as part of your weekly library sessions.

Enrichment

Trips and Visitors

Please find a list of anticipated trips and visits to enrich your child's learning. These are not all finalised and will be dependent on availability nearer the time. We are acutely aware of the increasing financial pressures on families; therefore, we want to provide you with an overview of potential costs for the year. When trips are organised, you will be provided with a clear financial breakdown of the subsequent costs.

We have a number of trips scheduled for the remainder of the year, as follows:

Spring 2 — Barbican Singing trip and Science Museum (cost of £25)

Summer 1 — SATs Reward Day (cooking, sports activities, green screen, game creating, art)

Summer 2 — Sports Day (no cost)