

Year 6 Curriculum Update

February 2025

Values: Simplicity & Fairness

Global Warning

The children have spent the last few weeks exploring the impact of Global Warning and thinking about how we need to take greater care of the planet for future generations. Following on from their visit to EnviroSort at the beginning of January, the children have gone on to learn about pollution, in particular plastic pollution, and air pollution. They have learnt about some of the initiatives and measures that different cities are taking to become carbon neutral by creating green spaces and they also took part in an online session looking at Factories of the Future.

To conclude the theme, the children have written some wonderful non-chronological reports (which they call double-page spreads) on protecting the planet. The class were asked to write their reports using a more formal style of writing than normal by using passive voice and they certainly rose to the challenge, Well done, Year 6!

Forest School - Caving Adventure

It was wonderful to hear about the class's day spent caving and exploring the geology of the Craig Y Cilau National Nature Reserve in the Brecon Beacons. The children showed great determination to make the most of the opportunity and several overcame their concerns and entered the caves anyway. Hopefully, they shared some of their learning and experiences with you on their return. I have included just one picture but there are more to see on the Class Page of the website



Young Voices 2025

It was an absolute pleasure to accompany the children to this year's YV concert in Birmingham. The months of practising with Mrs Blaker paid off as everyone was able to give their all and enjoy every moment of the day – and it was a very long day!

The children should all be immensely proud not only of their performance but also their behaviour on the day. I hope that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed the concert as much as the children enjoyed being there.



Science - Evolution, Inheritance and Adaptation

As scientists, the class have been looking at the incredible work of Charles Darwin and his contribution to the theory of evolution. As part of this we have been talking about his time on board HMS Beagle and his observational work whilst visiting the Galapagos Islands in 1835.

The children conducted a “simulated” experiment based on Darwin’s famous observations and findings regarding finches on the islands and their different beaks. Whilst the use of scissors, pegs, chopsticks and toothpicks to represent the different beaks may not have been completely scientific, they certainly helped the children to understand why different variations of the same species exist.



Dates for the Diary

10th – 14th Feb - Dale Fort Residential

6th March - World Book Day

1st April - Class Assembly

PE & Sporting Opportunities

Within school, the children have been developing their gymnastics skills: they have improved their overall balance; created interesting sequences; and have had the opportunity to use the vault during some lessons.

There have also been a range of different opportunities outside of school. A group of children have spent two separate days at Longtown engaging in a range of physical and team challenges. Several children recently took part in an athletics competition at Kingstone High School at the end of January and a group of children also participated in a water polo competition at Halo swimming pool in their own time.



After the half-term, we will be completing our work on evolution and will be starting a fascinating history topic called “True Crime - The Pendle Witches”, which explores the beliefs and history surrounding witches and how they changed over time.

As always, please get in touch if you wish to discuss anything regarding what we are doing in class.

In the meantime, I would like to thank the children for all their hard work this last few weeks.



Mrs Lacey & The Year 6 Team