

# Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Values: Cooperation & Diversity

### *Passion For Fashion*

*This term's theme is proving to be a great challenge for the children and it is opening their eyes to all aspects of fashion and design in an ever-changing world. The logo for the theme shows some of the current issues, which we will be looking at during the term, including the importance of sustainability, the rise in "fast fashion" and concerns regarding the use of cheap labour. The children will have the opportunity to work with a fashion model and a fashion designer to design and create a range of upcycled clothing using their expertise. In addition, we will be looking at how "fashion" also refers to the design of homes, buildings and even gardens. Indeed, the children have already started to do this by choosing a designer to research in their recent homework.*

### *Science and Maths*

*In the last two weeks, the children have started to learn more about the work of Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution. They have carried out an experiment into the adaptation of finches' beaks as observed by Darwin during his time in the Galapagos Islands and have recorded their results in a line graph, building on the statistical skills they have been learning in maths.*



### **Passion for Fashion**



### *History*

*The children have been looking at the different fashions between 1900 and 1960 and how these were influenced by events in society, such as the Suffragette Movement and the impact of World War 2 on clothing. In the next few weeks, we will be exploring the explosion of pop culture through the 60s and 70s before moving on to some of the incredible fashions that were mentioned by many of you in the children's recent interviews. I am looking forward to hearing their thoughts on RaRa skirts and shell suits!*

## Art

Having studied the work of Darwin in Science, we have also been discussing the importance of observational drawing and taking time to practise these skills in class. First, the children drew a selection of fossils and then they used copies of drawings made by Darwin himself.



## Forest School

I am sure by now that you have seen pictures of the super foxes that the children created using chicken wire and which were shown as part of the Natural History Museum's recent concert. You may not know though that the class are now designing and working on smaller creations of their own during their Forest School sessions with Miss Hirst. They are also developing their photography skills

## Looking ahead

We have already started to think about the end of the term and are hoping that we will be able to celebrate by having some kind of performance. With this in mind, the children have been working with Jack in Drama on a Friday morning to develop very personalised scenes based on their time at school and they have also been working with Mrs Blaker to write and perform a song linked to their experiences. We are delighted with the progress that they have made so far.



If there is anything that you think may help us as part of our theme this term then please do let me know and as always, please contact me through the office, if you have any concerns at all regarding any aspects of your child's learning.

In the meantime, I hope that the children are continuing to enjoy being back in school as it is certainly a pleasure to work with them.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey & Miss Hirst