

Year 6 Newsletter

Learning Challenge:
How and why do living things adapt to their environment?

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Welcome to a new year and another chance to get it right. Have a wonderful new year ahead!
Happy New Year!*

Your support is the key ingredient to our children's success so this new year we wish to thank you for your cooperation throughout 2018. Let's promise a fresh start that together we will help our children build new skills and learn to apply their knowledge in order to reach their goals. We hope that the New Year will be filled with exciting and wonderful experiences for the children.

Days to Remember

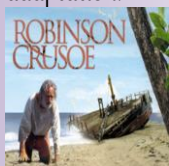
Class Assembly	5 th February, 2019
Visits	Premiere of Aeneas 29 th January 2019
Half term	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February
Learning Challenge Event	Friday 15 th February

Learning Challenge:

Children are developing independent learning skills through an enquiry based learning approach through our learning challenge curriculum. Children have this opportunity to develop cross curricular knowledge thought provoking questions which help them lead the enquiry.

This Spring half term children will be investigating a big question: How and why do living things adapt to their environment? They will develop deeper understanding of the topic by exploring Darwin's theory of evolution and looking at the fossils to answer questions: How and why living things adapt overtime? How can adaptation lead to evolution? This will help them develop scientific enquiry skills.

In English children will read a fictive narrative Robinson Crusoe. A story of a famous ship wreck on an Island, a survival story will also help children develop an insight about the idea of adaptation.



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Class Teacher: Ms. Naseer

Class Support: Ms. Kane
Ms. Villar

Special Notices

Please ensure your child is at school on time and in the correct school uniform. Lessons begin at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

Values:

January: Hope
February: Appreciation

Pupil Zone



Please make sure your child is regularly using the Pupil Zone area of the school website with access to plenty fun games to help their learning as well as access to homework!

Quick tips to support learning at home

- Helping your child to **complete and return all homework.**
- Encouraging your child to **learn their times tables to develop automaticity.**
- Read, question and discuss books/vocabulary with your child for at least **20 mins every night.**
- Reading and discussing the "Wednesday Word" every week with your child.
- If your child wants to play on the computer/iPad direct them to the Pupil Zone on our website!

Growth Mindset

Why do some people achieve their potential while others do not?

In school we have been focussing on the importance of our mindset. Our mental attitude can determine how we interpret and respond to situations. We tell the children the brain is like a muscle that gets stronger and better the more it is exercised. This sends the message that intelligence can be learnt, and that we are not born 'intelligent'. But with hard work and persistence our brain makes new connections and we become smarter.

We have been focussing on the power of the word 'yet'. When children find their work challenging their response is 'I can't do it yet!', knowing that if they keep trying, eventually, they will be able to feel that sense of achievement.

