



# Gilbertstone Primary School

## Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter



### Welcome back to the new school year!

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful break and that the children enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. We cannot wait to get started with all of our new learning!

## Literacy

Over the next few weeks, we will be reading 'On the Origin of Species'. During this unit of work, children will write a discovery narrative and an explanation text. We look forward to reading them. Please remember to practice your child's weekly spelling patterns with them at home, thank you.



## Reading

Children will be continuing to read a range of texts in their guided reading groups. 6M will be reading Kensuke's Kingdom, 6S will be reading The Girl of Ink and Stars and 6E will be reading Goldfish Boy. Please can you continue to read with your child and fill in their orange home reading diary.



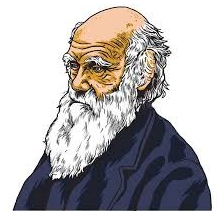
## Maths

In maths this half term, children will be recapping fractions, and understand how it links to decimals and percentages. They will also learn ratio and algebra. **Please ensure your child completes their weekly maths homework and continues to practice their times tables on TT Rockstars.**



## Science

In science, our topic is evolution and inheritance. Children will learn about characteristics that are inherited from parents and those that are environmental. They will learn about Darwin and Wallace and the discoveries they made.



## Wider Curriculum

This half term we will have a focus on history and art. In history, we will learn about the census and what information it provided during the Victorian era. In art, our topic is 'Make My Voice Heard' where we will explore how artists have conveyed messages using symbols and imagery throughout history.



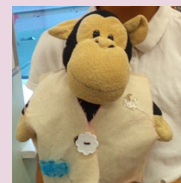
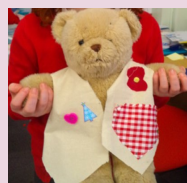
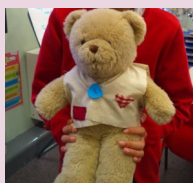
# Safer Internet Day

**TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY** is safer internet day. We will be talking to the children about how to stay safe when using the internet and explaining who they should talk to if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.



# DT Project

Last term, the children worked incredibly hard to create their own waistcoats for a teddy. We were very pleased with their efforts and designs!



# PE

Year 6 children will have outdoor PE on a **Monday** and indoor PE on a **Friday**.

**Please come to school in your PE kit.**

## PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

# Forest School

Year 6 children will have Forest School once each half term.

6M will have Forest School on **Monday 27 January**

6S will have Forest School on **Friday 31 January**



# Uniform

Please can you ensure that all clothing and other possessions are labelled with your child's name and class so that we can prevent items becoming lost. On PE days and on days when your child might attend an after school sports club, please ensure that they are in their PE kit. Thank you.



*Thank you for your continued support.*

*The Year Six Team*