

Year 6 – November 2023



Giant Panda's Class Newsletter

Welcome back from half-term break. I thought it would be beneficial to write to you to talk about what we've been up to in Autumn 1 and what we have planned as we head towards – dare I say it – Christmas!

I'm sure that you'll be aware of the statutory assessments (SATs) that your child will sit later in Year 6.

We will hold a meeting later in the year to discuss SATs in more detail, but here are some important bits of information:

- 6 tests:
 - Reading
 - Grammar & Punctuation
 - Spelling
 - Maths Reasoning 1
 - Maths Reasoning 2
 - Maths Arithmetic

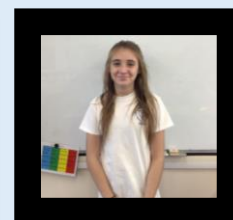
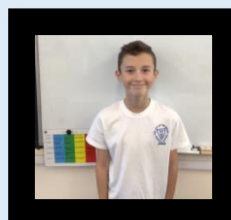
SATs will take place on Monday 13th May 2024 – Thursday 15th May 2024. It is of vital importance that your child is in school on these days.



Homework Reminder

Homework is sent home every Friday and is due back in school on a Wednesday. Please support your child in completing these tasks and returning their booklets to school every Wednesday.

Head Boy and Head Girl



A HUGE congratulations to Oliver and Millie for beating tough competition and being voted (by their peers) as OLOTR's Head Boy and Head Girl. I am sure they will be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Attendance:



We all know the importance of good attendance at school. The class with the highest attendance wins £5 to put into the class Piggy Bank or spend! Currently our Piggy Bank is empty! Let's see if we can add to this!

PE Kit

PE kit consists of a white t-shirt and blue/black shorts or joggers.

No bright/branded clothing should be worn. Children are also asked to bring a plain navy/black hoodie or a spare school jumper to wear for outdoor P.E. sessions.

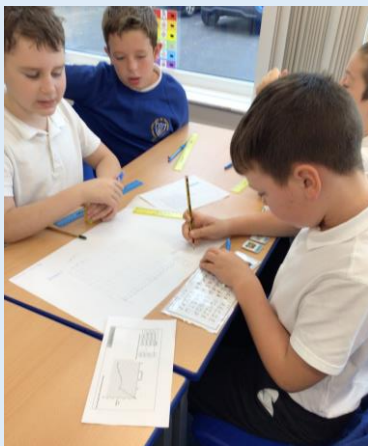


Term Highlights

This term, we've learnt all about evolution and natural selection, which linked to the work of Charles Darwin and our class novel, Darwin's Dragons. The author of our class novel, Lindsey Galvin, joined virtually to talk about being an author and her books. In Geography, we have compared the UK to Brazil; we have looked at continents, climate, their position to the equator and their biome.

In writing, we have written a character description, a cliff-hanger story and we are currently writing our very own story with a cliffhanger. This term's maths topics have allowed us to write a persuasive holiday brochure. In mathematics, the children have secured their strategies for calculating with the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Our RE work has focused on the unconditional love that God shows us and how we can show unconditional love to those closest to us, using the story of The Prodigal Son to help us. We have gained understanding of how computers send messages through data packets.



Next term...

This half-term we will be continuing to compose and practise our own music using a range of instruments, looking at conflict over time in history (including WWI and WWII) and a whole lot more! Of course, there will be Christmas events too! More information to follow.