

PE will take place every **Wednesday**. Please make sure children come into school wearing kit which complies with the uniform regulations on these days. Improving our athletic skills will be a key part of this term's learning.

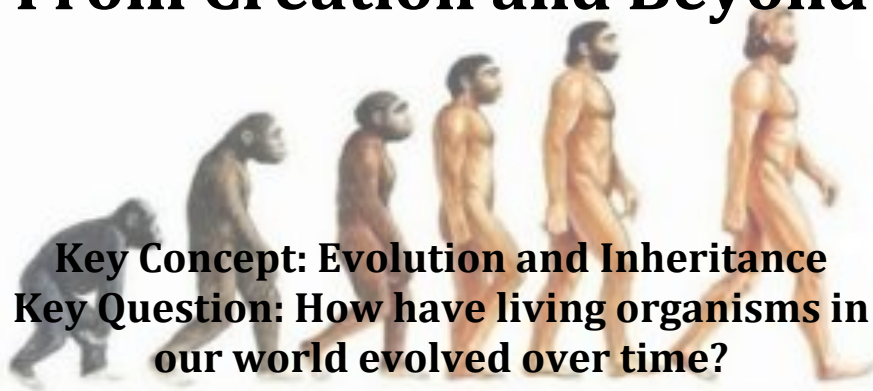
In **Maths** this half term, children will keep their skills sharp with regular flashback maths questions completed. Please encourage use of TT rock stars at home to keep their times tables recall speedy.

We will also promote the idea of budgeting with our finances through a program created by a voluntary organisation.

During this half term's **RE** unit, we will explore the concept of creation alongside evolution having learnt that Charles Darwin was a committed Christian. The topic leads to some very interesting questions including 'Can a Christian be a scientist?' and 'Do you think faith and science are compatible or in conflict?'

And don't forget...a great deal of our curriculum time will be focussed on the preparation of **our Year 6 show – which is yet to be revealed!** We are very excited to see what talent abounds in the year group. Auditions will be held very soon ...

From Creation and Beyond



Key Concept: Evolution and Inheritance

Key Question: How have living organisms in our world evolved over time?

Science will form the basis for our final topic in Year 6. Children will learn about the theory of evolution and how species have developed over time. We will focus on DNA and how genetic information is transmitted from one generation to the next. As part of this, we will learn about the variation between individuals within a species, too. Linking with our **PSHE** learning, we will be teaching the children about relationships and sex education as recommended by the government. If you would like to view the teaching material for this unit of learning, there will be **an information evening for parents/carers only** on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:15pm in the school hall.

Leavers Services are an important aspect of this term and provides a time to reflect on the achievements and experiences the children have had at St Mark's. Children are invited to attend a service at Winchester Cathedral on Friday, June 20th with other Church of England schools in Hampshire. Our own service at school will be held on the **morning of Thursday, July 17th** and we hope all parents can join us to celebrate their children.

In **Art** this half-term, the children will explore the skill of painting. We will use a range of techniques to apply paint in different ways and give reasons for the decisions we make. By the end of the unit, the children will be able to use the primary colours and black and white to mix a full range of hues and tones. To support our learning, we will explore two artists: David Hockney and Gustav Klimt, and use their work to inspire our own final pieces.

Our main writing focus in **English** will be the composition of our autobiographies which will include future hopes and dreams. We will also share the story of 'Blue John' and create linked writing from the text. All Year 6 writing skills will be encouraged in their final written tasks and we hope we will see how far our young writers have come in their Key Stage 2 writing journey.

Reading will focus on texts about transition to secondary school and moving onwards. Our non-fiction text will focus on metamorphosis in nature and the fiction text is of a child moving from primary to secondary school.