

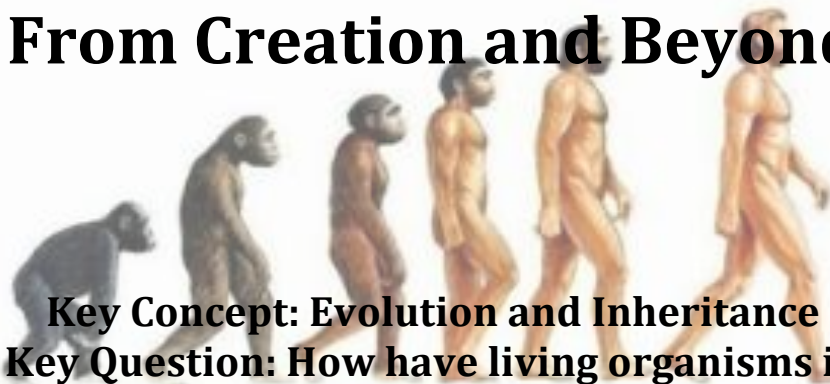
**PE** will take place every **Wednesday**. Please make sure children come into school wearing kit which complies with the uniform regulations on these days. Improving our basketball skills will be a key part of this term's learning.

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.

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?'

Much of our curriculum time will be focussed on the preparation of **our Year 6 show – Shrek the Musical!** We are very excited to see what talent abounds in the year group. Auditions are currently being held and children will soon know their parts.

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> with other Church of England schools in Hampshire. Our own service at school will be held on the **morning of Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>** and we hope all parents can join us to celebrate their children. The Saint Mark's leavers service runs for approximately two hours – from 9am to 11am.

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 by the end of the unit, the children will be able to use the primary colours plus 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. Reviewing their work, will provide the inspiration for our own final piece of trees.

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.