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Dear Parents and Carers

As we finish the term I would like to say well done to all the children. They have been working really hard this term and have produced some excellent learning. We have a busy term planned for Term 4 including a whole school science week which will be very exciting!

Advance warning roadworks

Just to let parents/carers know that we have been made aware by a member of staff that roadworks are starting in the area on the 12th February for 14 weeks. This is on Willington Street/Deringwood Drive from 7am-7pm every day. This will cause delays during peak travelling times. There will be 3 way traffic lights as there will be partial lane closures on the junction.

Special Mention

A massive well done to Miss Simmons' year 5 and 6 singing club who put on a fantastic performance for their parents on Tuesday after school. Miss Simmons is very proud of you all and your hard work!!

Dogs

Please can I politely ask parents to have dogs on leads in the local area around school at school pick up and drop off times. We did have an incident last week where a child became frightened by a loose dog. Of course, we cannot enforce this but would ask parents to work with us.

Half-term

We break up for half-term on Friday 9th February. School starts again on Monday 19th February.

1st March

PTA Quiz Night 7pm - 9.30pm. Please see the attached flyer.

6th - 7th March

The EYFS hearing and vision screening will be taking place. Information was emailed to parents in November - please check with the office if you would like more help.



7th March

World Book Day. The English team are busy planning and we look forward to an exciting day! Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

11th-15th March

Science Week. The Science leads are putting together some exciting activities for our Science week. We know the children will enjoy it very much!

15th March

Comic Relief (Red nose day) Children can wear Pudsey related clothing if they have it, red clothing or bright clothes. We will collect any donations.

20th March EYFS/KS1 Disco EYFS 2.15pm - 3.00pm, Years 1 & 2 3:15pm - 4:15pm

21st March KS2 Disco Years 3 & 4 - 3:15pm - 4:30pm, Years 5 & 6 - 5.00pm - 6:15pm

25th March Year 4 Trip to Horton Kirby

26th March Parents Evening - details to follow

27th March Parents Evening - details to follow

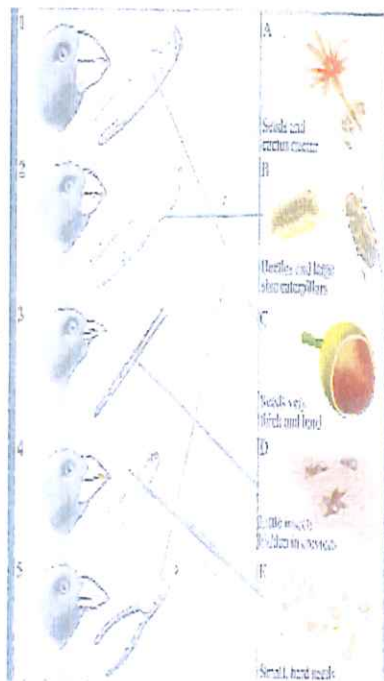
27th March PHSE Parents meeting at 9am

28th March End of Term

15th April Start of Term 4

Finally, we would like to share with you some pieces of learning from 6V
 Ruben has created a wonderfully informative piece of work about Charles Darwin and his Theory of Evolution. Year 6 have been learning about Wartime heroes and Daisy's particular piece of work is about Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan, Daisy has written about Noor's impact on World War 2 and whether she considers Noor to be a heroine.

off up on prey. Seals have adapted to hold their breath for long periods of time so they can hunt marine prey.



Charles Darwin's Thoughts Of Evolution

Introduction

Charles Darwin is a man of theory and curiosity. He was born in 1809 to a Doctor. He studied in the famous, British, Cambridge University. He studied as a priest and natural science. He was so curious of the unknown, he went on a famous researched voyage in 1831, and discovered many creatures and plants that would never have been found until the early 1900's, estimatedly.

Natural Selection

How ever wonderful, why species are different from other animals of its kind. Charles Darwin, while on his voyage, discovered this fascinating theory. Natural selection is when one offspring out of the litter that has a natural advantage. These advantages are to have a way of blending in or having a feeding gain. The less advantaged offspring would die out and more would be born and soon that would be the superior and common version. Would you believe, some animals make themselves change to gain in their environment, although that isn't common, it usually happens over time.

An example of this is a chameleon, they control their skin tone to lay low and blend in with their background. These are examples of evolution and Natural Selection.

His theory of Evolution.

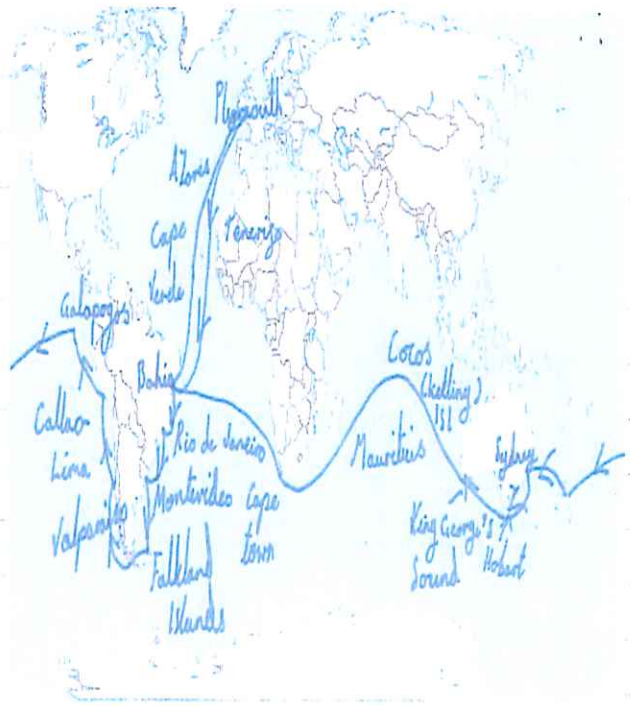
Evolution, in his opinion, was where animals had to change due to their environment and huntings or being hunted. His famous phrase was 'Survival of the fittest', it means where an animal is fittest in the adaptation of the habitat. Many that didn't adapt, died and soon became extinct, such as the dodo bird and the woolly mammoth. Many did you realise, some creatures evolved naturally (so accidentally) and with no self will. And while others died, evolution helped intelligence grow along with their characteristics.

His Discoveries.

Whilst on his voyage he discovered 1,500 different species. One discovery that intrigued him was the finches of the Galapagos. All the identical species yet looks were so different.

Darwin's Voyage.

He voyaged for 5 years across the globe. What if he never went? Or what would have happened if he wasn't so curious? He wouldn't have knowledge of life. He wouldn't be so curious. This man was one of the greatest explorers of our time.



Charles Darwin's Voyage on HMS Beagle.

superb piece of writing Ruben! Informative, well presented and with ambitious vocabulary. Incredible!

Noor's contribution was highly impactful because even though Khan was captured and even when they interrogated her she told them nothing: she couldn't bare the thought of betraying her fellow agents. Also, when all her fellow agents were caught she didn't go back to England. She stayed in France and took up the jobs of her fallen agents. Noor could have backed out but she wanted to stay in France and complete her mission. She felt as though if she went back to England she would let down and disappoint the country.

To me, Noor is definitely a hero because she never told the Nazis anything about her fellow agents. When she joined the S.O.E they told her that since she was not in her uniform, if she was imprisoned they wouldn't get her out: yet she still went on to help out in the war. Noor helped save lives and never disclosed any information which she knew was never important. I believe heroes can't be defined, but they can be defined by their actions.



Noor Inayat Khan was born in Moscow on the 1st January 1914 to her Indian father and American mother.

Child
As a young adult Khan was educated in London Paris. When she was a young adult, she joined Sorbonne to study child & psychology.

In 1940 (after the fall of France) Khan and her family escaped to England.

During this time she made children's stories - then in 1927 Noor's father died.

Khan then joined the WAAF and trained as a radio operator and by 1941 she applied for a transfer. Noor became an S.O.I agent.

In 1943, Khan arrived in France and worked in the sub-circuit, but a few weeks after many agents were caught and captured.

She was the last remaining agent and was awaiting capture for more than 4 months.

In October 1943, Noor was imprisoned along with a few other agents.

She attempted to escape in November (the 25th) but was then taken to Germany in solitary confinement.

Sadly, in 1944 Noor was executed on the 13th of September 1944 in Dachau concentration camp.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Woolcombe, Headteacher



Madginford's Inclusion Coffee morning.



Calling all parents and carers!

You are invited to Madginford Primary School's
coffee morning on Monday the 11th March
from 9:00 am.

Please come and enjoy a cuppa and biscuits,
meet the inclusion team, other parents and
share ideas and strategies.

MADGINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1180858



QUIZ NIGHT

Fri 1 March 2024 at 7pm

MADGINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
KEY STAGE 2 HALL

£5 PER PERSON

6 MAX TO A TEAM

E-MAIL
MADGINFORDPTA@GMAIL.COM TO
REGISTER YOUR TEAM

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK!

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!
There will also be a raffle and games!

OVER 18'S ONLY