



Yew Class Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Literacy:**

We have started reading our new class novel 'Sky Hawk'. This week the children explore how the author conveys an emotion through the way she describes the loch and its surroundings on the main character's farm. The children then try to achieve this in their own setting description. Our grammar focus is on noun and prepositional phrases. In Guided Reading we continue to read the book, focusing on inference and questions that require an extended answer with evidence from the book.

**Maths:**

In Maths we have been adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals. This week we look at division of decimals numbers by whole numbers. We are then going to move on to converting decimals to percentages. The children are introduced to algebra at the end of the week.

**Topic: Darwin's Delights**

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**Science:** The children have had an introductory lesson to evolution. They created a loo roll time line to help them understand the vast number of years that the earth has been in existence. This week the children have various aspects of this geological time line to order into a timeline.

**RE:** Miss Etheridge will start her unit of teaching on Humanism, as communicated to you last term in a leaflet.

**PE:** This half term the children will be doing gymnastics in their Premiere Sports slot and invasion games in their PE slot.

**D.T:** The children will be choosing a living artist to research. They will be using one of their chosen artist's art works as inspiration for their design on their bag that that they will be making in a few weeks time.

**French:** The children learn how to ask for items at the market.

Home learning will be handed out every Friday with the due date the following Thursday. This week the children have Spelling, Reading, My Maths tasks and a Topic Research task.

Welcome back to the Spring Term. The Year 6s will be doing their first practice round of SATS papers in class next week. We will be trying to keep this low-key and developmental in nature. The Year 5s will be writing Spring 1 assessments at the same time so that we can practice test conditions.

Best wishes for a good week,  
Mrs Aitken