

St Nicholas C.E Primary Academy

Year 6 - The Prophets

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Welcome back and welcome to 2020! We hope you have all had a relaxing break over Christmas at the end of a hard working term. After a fantastic Autumn term, we are hitting the ground running in Spring as we start to look forward to lighter mornings and longer days in the build up to SATs.

Topic - This term our topic focus shifts to a more Science based unit as we explore the life and findings of one of this country's greatest scientist, Charles Darwin. We will be developing our knowledge of his explorations, what he found on his famous landing on the Galapagos Islands and how his findings changed the understanding of life as we know it.

Science - After two physics based units during the Autumn term, we now move our attention to the world of Biology, creating lovely links with our Charles Darwin topic work. The purpose of this unit is to explore the animal world and how different attributes in animals, plants and micro-organisms impact on how they are classified. This gives the children the chance to take an in-depth look at what makes animals and plants different from each other in ways they will never have considered.

RE - This term we are contemplating another very important and thought provoking question in RE - can scientists believe in God? Over the course of the topic we will be looking at different people's thoughts and opinions on the matter and gathering information for the children to make up their own minds.

Mrs Clarke and I had a thoroughly enjoyable Autumn term getting to know the Prophets Class and yourselves. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Mr Bell and Mrs Clarke.

Expectations

In Year 6 our expectations are:

- ♦ Arrive to school on time (8:30).
- ♦ Always put in 100% effort.
- ♦ Read at least 3 times per week.
- ♦ Use Times Table Rock Stars regularly (at least 3x per week).
- ♦ Practise spellings regularly.
- ♦ Pupils begin to take more responsibility for their own learning outside of school.
- ♦ Develop a teacher-parent partnership to achieve the best for our pupils.
- ♦ Snacks at break and lunchtime food, is healthy and balanced.
- ♦ Pupils arrive at school 'ready to learn.'

Other items of interest

PE will continue to take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. We try and teach PE outside wherever possible therefore please provide children with jackets and tracksuit bottoms as well as their normal PE kits to keep them warm outside. All children will participate unless a letter is provided from home.

Spelling tests will be on Thursday mornings and new spellings given out the same day. These spellings should be practised regularly throughout the week to cement them.