



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support with our home-learning this half term. The children have worked really hard to keep up with the demands of the curriculum and we have been very impressed with the work they have produced.

In 'normal' school life, we would be trying to include lots of in-school and external trips to add excitement and context to our day to day learning. Obviously, in our lockdown world, this has not been possible, however we would like to take year 6 on a **virtual trip** next week to **The Natural History Museum**.

Although not as exciting as a real-life trip, we hope that our 'visit' will be an exciting change to daily home-learning. We will be looking at a range of exhibits linking to our Science topic: **evolution and inheritance** and finding out more about Charles Darwin following on from our Guided Reading book: **Darwin's Voyage of Discovery**.

On **Friday 12th February**, each class will have a brief Morning meeting as normal at **9:45** so that the teacher can take the register and then children will be sent a separate link to a Google Meet as a year group at **10:30**. We will have a tour of some of the museum's galleries through their online resources together and discuss other resources that are available online.

The teachers will then explain a set of tasks for children to complete independently or in groups. Unfortunately, we do not have the digital capacity to be able to set up groups for the children to work in and monitor them, so we encourage parents to allow children to communicate independently with friends to complete the tasks. This will not be monitored by teachers, so we always recommend that an adult is nearby during zoom meetings, or FaceTime calls.

We will then come back together at **13:00 in their class groups** to discuss their findings and they will have the opportunity to show their work to their classmates before having a well-earned Wellbeing afternoon.

The tour is best viewed on a larger screen such as laptop or computer, however they will be able to participate on any device that has a camera and a microphone.

We hope that this is an exciting idea and that children will want to engage with our 'trip', but if you have any concerns about technology or the plan for the day, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can find a way to support you.

Many thanks

Miss Shennan and Miss Fox.