

Swansfield Express

Our learning this half term

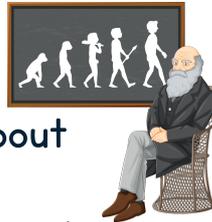
Linking Our Learning

Let's think back to our learning about rocks, soils and fossils from lower key stage 2 and dig a little deeper...

Spectacular Scientists

- What is meant by 'Evolution'?
- Who was Charles Darwin and what was his theory of evolution?
- Can living things 'adapt' to suit their environment?

This half term, we will work as Paleontologists to explore the history of life through fossil records. We will examine the theories of evolution constructed by significant scientists whilst also considering the advantages and disadvantages of adaptation.



We will then progress to thinking about human timelines as we consider the different stages of human development.

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Life as a paleontologist

- Do you know what life was like during the Stone Age?
- How did they earn the name Stone, Bronze and Iron Age?
- Have you ever heard of The Cheddar man?

This half term we will be exploring these three eras and how life changed during them.

We will also explore the famous landmarks of Stonehenge and Skara Brae.

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Let's Get Creative

- How does art help us learn about the past?
- What signs and symbols were found in ancient cave paintings?



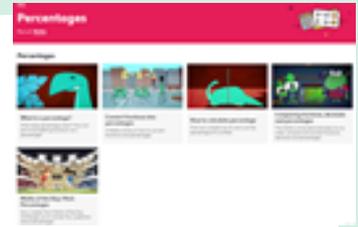
Developing our mixing and sketching skills, we will be recreating these wonderful pieces of cave art and history.

Exploration and Discovery

- What discoveries did Mary Anning and Charles Darwin make?

Through computing, we will learn about these two important people and how they have shaped our knowledge today, creating an information poster to show off our new knowledge and skills.

School 360 points for the first 10 people that tell us all about their discoveries. Good luck!



Year 5 Decimals

For those of you in Year 5, we will now be exploring the relationships between fractions and decimals as well as beginning to use written methods to calculate them.

How could we multiply or divide a decimal by an integer?

Grab a piece of paper and have a go...

$$4.83 \times 5 = ? \quad 12.52 \times 4 = ? \quad 42.6 \div 3 = ?$$

Magnificent Maths

Year 6 Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

For those of you in Year 6, we will be exploring fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents this half term.

Who can remember the meaning of the word 'percentage'?

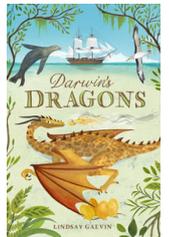
Can you find out how to calculate a percentage of an amount? For example:
30% of £120 or 45% of 80

Exciting English

Darwin's Dragons by Lindsey Galvin

Join Syms Covington is on the voyage of a lifetime to the Galapagos Islands with the world-famous scientist Charles Darwin. But when Syms falls overboard during a huge storm, he washes up on an unexplored island. Stranded there, he makes a discovery that could change the world...

While we read all about Syms' adventure, we will be working on many English skills including prediction, inference and debating skills.



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Fancy a sneak peek at a Chapter? Click the image to listen to the author reading a section from this exciting adventure. Enjoy!

Keeping Fit and Active

Sycamore and Larch will continue to work on their water competency through swimming lessons

We will all have NUF coaching sessions exploring 'Invasion Games', helping us to improve our attacking and defending skills.

Music

Recorders / Pop
ballad

We will focus on the
tune Make you feel
my love.

RE

Why do Hindus
want
to be good?

PHRSE

How to achieve goals
and understanding the
emotions that go with
this.

MFL

Voici la famille

Family and Friends