

Year 6 Blog: Week Commencing 15.05.2023: An Introduction to Shakespeare...

In Science this week, year 6 were continuing their topic of evolution and inheritance, explaining how the Theory of Evolution works and understanding that adaptation can take place over a longer period of time. Next week, the children will be exploring Lord Alfred Wallace's work on natural selection.

In writing, the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed a unit we have planned based on the King's Coronation. They have been writing an historical fiction narrative which followed the events of the day. The pupils were given some creative license to add some fictional elements to their story – some were extremely creative!

In maths at the moment, we are fine-tuning their practical skills for maths in real-life situations. We have looked at timetables, trains and buses, and ratio and proportion for example when upscaling a recipe.

In PE, we continued our athletics trials for the District Competitions. The children took part in shotput and long jump. Please see photos below for some impressive jumping!

In PSHE, we are currently looking at relationships and this weeks topic has covered the theme of 'love and loss'. Some children found this difficult but all showed respect and care for each other in class discussions.

In RE, we continued to look at how different religions view life after death and how life is celebrated. This week we looked at Buddhism.

On Tuesday, the pupils took part in a Shakespeare day. They completed Shakespeare factfiles and wonderful sketches of The Globe theatre and Shakespeare portraits. In the afternoon, the pupils were lucky enough to take part in an online Hamlet workshop provided by the Young Shakespeare Company. This day has prepared them well for our trip to the Globe theatre on Monday.

In Geography, the pupils have created double page spreads based on their local area. They included physical and human features and looked at transport networks to neighbouring villages, towns and cities.







Wednesday 17th May 2023.

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Evolution and Inheritance

Supported
Independent
Deep

How have Galapagos finches ~~been~~ evolved?

The beaks of Galapagos finches have evolved over time, dependent on their food and the area they live in.

There are around 13 species of Galapagos finches such as: Medium ground finch, common cactus finch, large ground finch, small tree finch and vampire finch, all of which evolved from their ancestor - The blue-back grassquit *Blarina jacarina*.

Medium ground finch

- Eats seeds, flowers, buds, young leaves and insects.
- They live in the Galapagos Islands - tropical shrubland

Common cactus finch

- They eat *Opuntia* cacti
- They live in the Galapagos Islands



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To write an historical fiction narrative

As Charles and Camilla slowly walked out of the Westminster Abbey, there were lining page boys holding his long, black ceremonial robe. The royal family could hear everyone loudly cheering for our oldest monarch to be crowned. King Charles III entered the golden carriage being greeted by over 4000 military personnel. As the wheels spun, the carriage was being pulled along by 8 perfectly groomed horses: Cunningham, Novey, Noah, Teddar, Eisenhower, Snow White, Tipperary and the Greery.

Driving past the houses of parliament thinking, "This is going to be my new life from now on." Charles family in carriages behind making him nervous. Camilla was tapping her foot along to the beat of the drum-horses and bands marching down the teeming crowd. The band was as loud as fireworks booming in the sky. Over all the music they could still hear the audience chanting, "Long live the King and Queen!" This was all breathtaking for them but were excited for their new future.

"Make sure you smile and wave Charles!" explained Camilla, "We're nearly there!"

"I know love," answered Charles "It's not the first coronation we been too."

They turned the corner, leaving the busy streets, here they are, the Buckingham Palace.

They stepped foot into Buckingham Palace. Charles whispering in Camilla's ear.

"Are you ready for this?"

"I'm always ready" stated Camilla.

They were now in the palace looking at the high, beautiful ceiling, and the stunning, decorative

walls. The red carpet, the shiny gold design making the room look rich and luxurious. At the new King and Queen looked up at the stained-glass window, he saw a white feather gracefully drift into the room and on his shoulder. This made him think about his mother (Elizabeth II). Camilla patted his shoulder because she knew this would be a hard day for him.

"Let's go fetch a cuppa Charles." said Camilla peacefully.

"Alright." said Charles in a sigh.

There grandchildren ran into the room.

"Hello children!" Camilla and Charles said joyfully.

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The Galapagos finches have evolved over time, dependant on their food and the terrain place they live in. The long pointed beaks are better for grabbing insects, the blunt beaks are best for cracking nuts.

There are around 18 species of Galapagos finches including: mango finches, small tree finches, large cactus finches, mangrove finches and vampire finches, all of which evolved from their ancestor (The blue back grassquit volatinia jacarina)

Mangrove Finch

- Eats insects, larvae, spiders and vegetables.
- They live in the Galapagos island
- Their beaks adapted by being able to lift tree bark.

Vampire Finch

- It eats seeds and insects
- It lives in the wolf island
- Its beak adapted by pecking at skin to retrieve blood.



This finches beak is small.

I think it will eat worms.

This finches beak is long but thin

beak. I think it will eat seeds.

This birds beak is big, so I think it will eat

insects.