

# Year 6 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

**In English**, we used the text and film 'Jurassic Park' to learn more about the cretaceous period and the extinction of dinosaurs in relation to our topic 'The Origin of Species'. Excitedly, we even found our very own dinosaur egg in the school's sandpit, after informing Frimley in our own newspaper articles, the egg hatched into a triceratops.

After looking at poetic features, we wrote our own poems based on evolution then memorised them before performing them to the class.



Most recently, we have started reading 'The Christmastaurus' which is all about a dinosaur egg which is found in ice by the North Pole.

**In Maths**, we have been learning all about fractions. We have been finding parts of a whole and then applying the four operations to fraction problems (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Next, we learnt about BIDMAS, without applying the order or operations, we found that we could get very different answers! We have been applying these methods to word problems and have developed our reasoning by using diagrams to prove our answers and explain our understanding. As well as applying this learning in the classroom, we have been trying out fraction and BIDMAS challenges whilst getting active! We also did some tests on everything we have learnt in year 6 so far.

**In RE**, we have been learning all about the Hindu faith. We learnt about their belief in more than one god/ goddess and explored their beautiful deities and their meanings through questioning and research. Their puja (worship) is done through song and is a celebration to their chosen god/goddess. Creatively, we showed our understanding of puja through dance. We were lucky enough to see their puja rituals when we visited the stunning temple, the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in London. During the ceremony we looked closely at the carvings on the pillars and learnt that these were made in India and shipped over to London. Also it was one of the monks (who helped with creating the temple) birthdays.

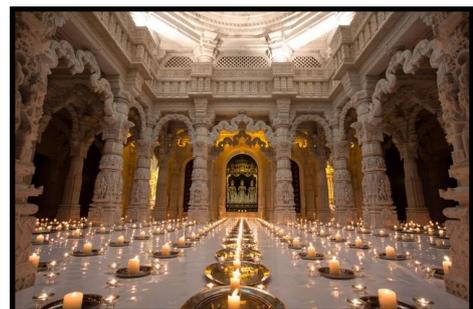


**In Science and Topic**, we have explored evolution further. We have learnt about how fossils inform us about the historic world and we even created our own. We explored creation theories and studied skulls which demonstrate the evolution of man through adaptation. We also studied plants and animals and explored the ways they have adapted to survive in their own environments.



We looked at our own inheritance and how offspring inherit traits from their parents but characteristics can vary because of the different combinations of genes. We explored how we are similar to and different to our own family members.

**In PE**, we have been focusing on physical skills. We've enjoyed our dynamic warm up 'All change' which has definitely kept us on our toes, whilst practicing throwing, catching and changing directions! In gymnastics, we have created synced sequences involving rolls, jumps and balances.



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