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Teacher: Mr. Glover

Year Group: 5

First deadline: Week of 29th Jan

Second: Week of 4th Feb



Half-Term Home Learning Grid

Curriculum Theme

In history we are learning about the life of Charles Darwin, in particular, his journey on The Beagle and the theories on life that arose from his trip. You need to complete all of the homework in red and you need to choose two pieces of research homework. Your research must be accompanied by some writing and you need to be ready to present your work to the class. Your pieces of homework can be handed in at anytime over the half term but your times tables and spellings need to be completed as normal, ready for the fortnightly spellings or times tables tests.

Reading for Pleasure – 10/20/30 minutes every night	Choose an active activity (e.g. ballet, a martial art, swimming, tennis etc.) Write about your activity. Draw a picture or take some photos.	Write a diary entry as Charles Darwin on The Beagle, thinking about how life was like on the ship (remembering that he really suffered with sea sickness!) and contemplating how he felt when he experienced those new lands and animals.	If The Beagle, with favourable winds behind its sails, could reach a speed of up to ten knots, what is the quickest possible time that Darwin could make it to the Galapagos Islands? The average speed for the ship would be more like five knots, how long would it then take to get to the Galapagos?
Times Tables – Written and Orally	Present information about the geographical location and climate of the Galapagos Islands – how does it compare to Britain? How were the islands formed? What process is constantly changing the shape of these islands? You could present this information visually or write an explanation text.	Research about a particular animal from the Galapagos Islands and find out how it differs according to which island it lives on, due to evolution e.g. the giant tortoises and the shapes of their shells, finches and the shapes of their beaks etc.	Using http://cookit.e2bn.org/ you can make Hardtack or Ship's Biscuits, which was a very common snack for long journeys at sea in Darwin's time. Either bring in the finished product to have a taste or record the cooking process with photographs
Spellings Lists and Dictations	Your own idea. Remember, you can come up with your own idea for a project. Research it, involve your family, create experiments, have fun!	Create an animation, scratch based game or quiz based on Darwin on the computer.	Create a landscape painting or make a model of one of the Galapagos Islands, thinking about its unique habitat to the other islands around it.

Complete the essential activities every week and choose three or more others to complete each half term.

Research, think, plan, make, create, draw, imagine, design, find-out, study, learn, enquire, know, discover, dream