

Class 5 – Parent Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2020

This term we have been working on the topic 'Darwin's Delights'. We hope you enjoy looking at all the photos of our learning.

Investigating DNA

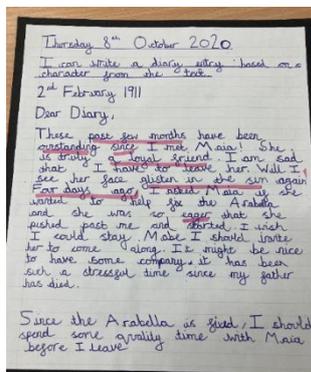
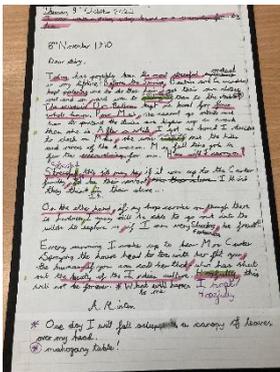
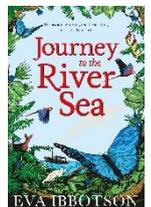
To begin our amazing topic, we investigated the DNA in strawberries.

Normally, we can't see DNA but through this experiment the children were able to extract the DNA strands from their cells.



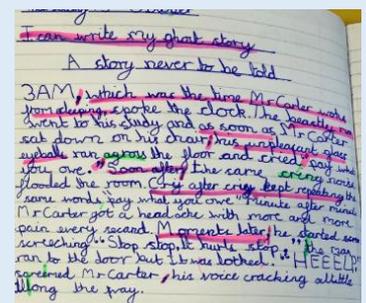
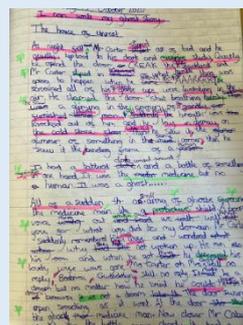
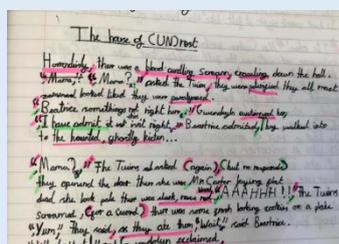
Wonderful Writing

In English we have been reading the book 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. The children have impressed me with their writing this half term. There have been some amazing stories, diary entries and character comparisons. I was blown away by the children's creativity and perseverance towards their writing. We have also learnt and recapped many grammar terms which the children have enjoyed experimenting with within their writing.



Feeling Spooky

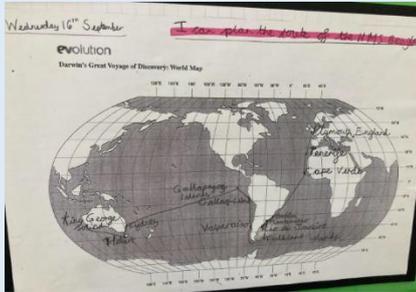
In contrast, they also wrote ghost stories, which provided me with more than a few scares and certainly had me feeling extremely spooked.



Here are some more pictures from our half term.

Island Hopping

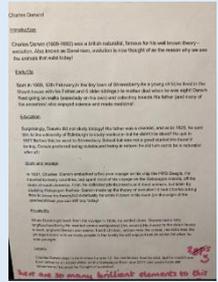
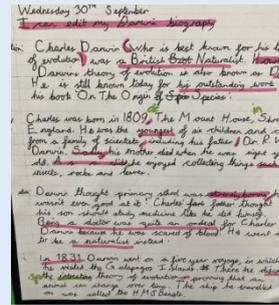
We plotted and researched the route of the HMS Beagle through the use of atlases.



Brilliant Biographies

We wrote a biography about Charles Darwin. It was so fascinating to see the timeline of his life and the discoveries he made.

Did you know he was going to be a doctor but he was afraid of blood?!



Our well-being

To help support our well-being, in PSHE, we have discussed the meaning of mental health and what we can do if we are feeling unhappy/worried/anxious etc.



Scientists in the making

Our investigative skills were put to the test through a Science experiment where we explored Darwin's theory of natural selection. We used chopsticks, skewers and tweezers to represent birds' beaks and tried picking up different sized seeds. We then recorded our results in tables and graphs. There was a lot of concentration and patience whilst trying to use the different tools.

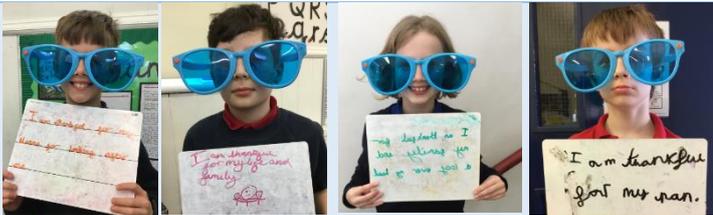
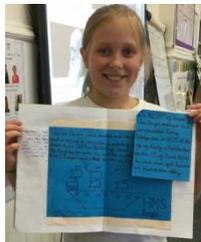


Cool Computing

We took a virtual tour of the Galapagos Islands and looked at the climate, vegetation and animals on the islands. We have certainly explored this project in depth, acquiring and retaining so much knowledge.

Happy Home Learning

We have seen some incredible homework projects this term. I was blown away by the effort and enthusiasm that Class 5 displayed for their projects.



We just want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the parents for your constant support and help, especially at this strange time. We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term.

Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Adams