



# Year 6 News

## 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### What we've been learning recently

**English** – In English, we have really enjoyed reading *Darwin's Dragons*, a fantasy fiction novel set on the enchanted Galápagos Islands and filled with extraordinary creatures, including a tiny dragon named Farthing. The children have written their own resolutions and endings to the narrative and have truly blown us away with their ambitious vocabulary, vivid descriptions, and exciting grammatical choices.

**Maths** – In Maths, we have tackled the challenge of algebra, from substitution to forming and simplifying expressions. The children have shown a strong understanding of key concepts and have demonstrated excellent perseverance when working through some particularly tricky lessons.

**Wider Curriculum** – In our wider curriculum, we have begun our new Science topic *Living Things and their Habitats*. We launched this unit with a fun and memorable *Liquorice Allsorts* lesson to help the children understand the concept of classification. In Geography, we also started to unpick our big question: *Why is energy important?* The children explored different types of energy and learned how they can be classified as renewable or non-renewable.

### Over the next fortnight we will be...

Over the next two weeks, we will continue reading *Darwin's Dragons*, finishing our unit by creating our own fantasy fiction narratives. In Maths, we will begin a new unit revising fractions, decimals, and percentages. In the wider curriculum, we will carry on learning about *Living Things and their habitats*, and explore more about energy and why it is so important.

### Important Notices

**PE** – Just a reminder that our PE day this half-term is **Thursday**. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full PE kit and bring a suitable coat, as all PE sessions will take place outdoors.

**Stay and learn** – We warmly invite you to come and stay and learn with us next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (9am start). During the session, we will be focusing on fantasy fiction writing, with some exciting surprise prompts to help inspire creativity and imagination.

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### Shining Stars

Congratulations to our Shining Stars from the last two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

**6B** – Herbie, Luke, Ysella, James, George

**6W** – Bodhi, Dot, Annie, Joe