

**Learning Academy Partnership
(South West)**



Ilsham Academy
'Together we Empower Excellence'



MONKEY PUZZLES
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2018

**Home
learning:**



Home learning tasks are given on a Friday and handed in the following Thursday. Please remember that all home learning should be completed in full and reading (at least 4 times a week, signed by an adult) and Home Learning must be completed to earn Golden Time.

Home Learning

SPaG paper

Maths paper

Create a presentation on Darwin, to present to the class on the first day back to school. This can be in any format that you would like, as long as it can be shown / performed in class.

Reading at least four times, recorded in journal.

Practise all spellings from the Year 5/6 list.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a thank you to those who were available to come to our Beautiful Work exhibition. The children were excited all day about sharing their creatures and animations with you, which was brilliant.

The children have had to show a lot of perseverance this week, both when working independently to edit and improve their writing and when working as a group to create their animations. As part of their Beautiful Work, the children drafted and re-drafted their animals several times with the help of their peers before creating their animations. This took a long time and they showed great team work to create their animations: each had a total of 240 photos.

In Literacy, the children have been working as authors to edit and improve their writing. With the aim to persuade SeaWorld to stop keeping Orcas in captivity, they have challenged themselves, with support, to produce some really high quality Year 6 writing.

In Science this week, the children continued to learn about variation within species and began to discuss how mutations, within an animal's or plant's DNA, have led to adaptations and evolution. Working in pairs, the children decided on an animal or plant and researched how it is now adapted to its environment.

After half term, our Early Morning Maths will change slightly. Until now the children have focussed purely on arithmetic, fluency and speed during the sessions. However, after the break, Tuesday and Wednesday sessions will now be based on the reasoning and problem solving papers. With the needs of the children, Thursday will now also change to a SPaG session, based on the questions we would expect in SATs. These sessions will be extremely valuable to all the children as we approach SATs and their next step in their education. Many children are close to achieving their goals but they would really benefit from this extra support and practise. Across the LAP, these sessions are advised for all children, no matter what their current ability is. If you would like your child to benefit from this fantastic opportunity please ensure that you complete the form and ensure your child is in school ready to start at 08:30.

Have a fantastic break.
Mr Carr

	<p>Zac, for showing perseverance to edit and improve the content of his persuasive letter.</p>
	<p>Jackson, for working extremely hard to improve his handwriting and spellings.</p>
<p>Attendance and important information</p>	<p>Unfortunately we have had many absences this week and only have an attendance of 95.6%.</p>