

## Topic

In our Topic work we're off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and his crew on HMS Beagle. We will use maps to plot Darwin's route and find out about the places he visited and what he discovered. We will start to understand about how the physical and human geography of a region can influence a species survival, and identify species that are endangered. We will learn more about important conservation work, and the impact it can have on the world today.

## Darwin's Delight

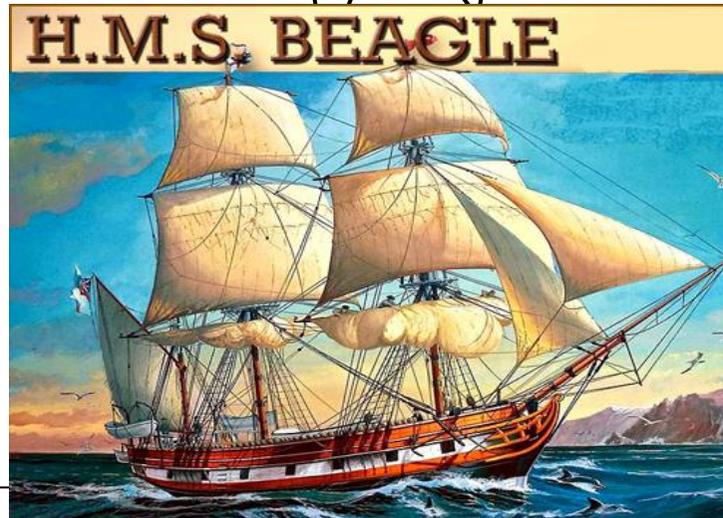
Year 6 Spring Term 1

## RE

We start the term by revisiting the Christmas story and comparing and contrasting different Gospel accounts of the birth of Christ. We will look in greater detail at the images of Christ found in the Prologue to St John's Gospel. Later in the term, we will develop our understanding of the actions, signs and symbols used in Baptism and Confirmation, and explain their meaning.

## Science

We will learn how species have adapted to survive in their environment, and examine how those adaptations can prove useful in the game of survival. We will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils can provide very important information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years ago.



## Art

We will work outdoors to sketch plants and trees, looking carefully to accurately capture their shape, form, pattern and colour. We will work with a range of media using shade and colour to enhance the detail of our work.

## Numeracy

We will develop our skills using long multiplication and division to multiply and divide larger numbers by 2 digit numbers. We will become very confident multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will then develop our geometry skills and name, classify and identify properties of quadrilaterals, exploring how diagonal lines can bisect quadrilaterals. We will understand what an angle is and that it is measured in degrees. We will learn what the angles of triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons and octagons add to, and use these facts and mathematical reasoning to calculate missing angles. We will draw circles using pairs of compasses and learn all about radius, diameter and circumference.

**Music and MFL** Mrs Williams will continue teaching Music and French on a Friday morning.

**PE** : We will continue to learn many invasion games that will help us to throw and catch with control, keep possession and work as a team member.

## Literacy

Using Charles Darwin's work and voyage on the HMS Beagle as our inspiration, we will write biographies of important figures in the world of science and conservation. We will use key literary texts to understand more about Darwin's voyage, and write journal entries that convey to the reader the wonder and awe of the journey and the experiences of the writer.