

# Attenborough Class Newsletter

Summer 1 - 2024

**It's Summer!** I hope you all had a lovely Easter! Our topic this half term is called 'Europe in Unity' with a strong historical focus on the European Union and what impact Brexit has had on us.



## Topic – Geography/History – European Union

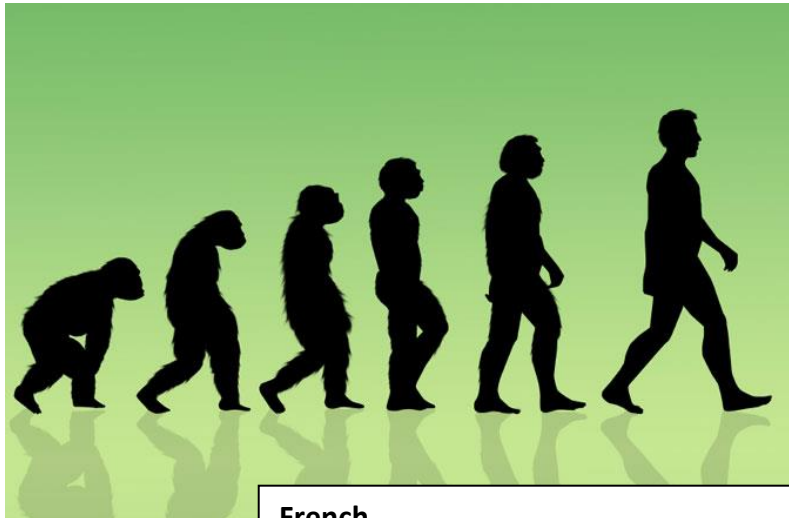
They will use their geography knowledge to name and locate some well-known European countries, as well as how the weather differs across Europe. They will then use this knowledge to form a timeline of when countries joined the European Union and why it is positive or negative to be part of the EU. We will also look at why Brexit occurred.

## Design Technology

The children will be baking their own bread! They will look at the important reasons for hygiene and safe practice around food preparation. They will then be explaining why they chose to present their bread in a particular way to appeal to a wider audience to persuade them to eat it!

## Topic - Science

In Science we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. How animals and plants adapt to the environment to survive and thrive. We will learn about hereditary features and how it affects the development of different species.



## Maths

This half term the children will be consolidating their learning of the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to include fractions, decimals and large numbers. We will also be applying all of our knowledge and understanding to multi-step problems and games.

## French

We will be continuing our learning of French. We will be furthering our understanding of food from a café. The children will take this further into conversations and written dialogues.

## Computing

We will become 'Project Managers' where we will use technology safely, responsibly and respectfully to create a school magazine.

### **PE and Games**

Games will be on a Wednesday morning with Mr Holmes our sports coach and PE will be athletics on a Tuesday. In athletics the children will learn new skills of not only speed, strength and stamina but also coordination, agility and balance. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

### **Music**

In Music we are creating our own 'Music Awards' where the children get to show off what they can do. We will look at a mixture of fanfare, rap, song and famous music.



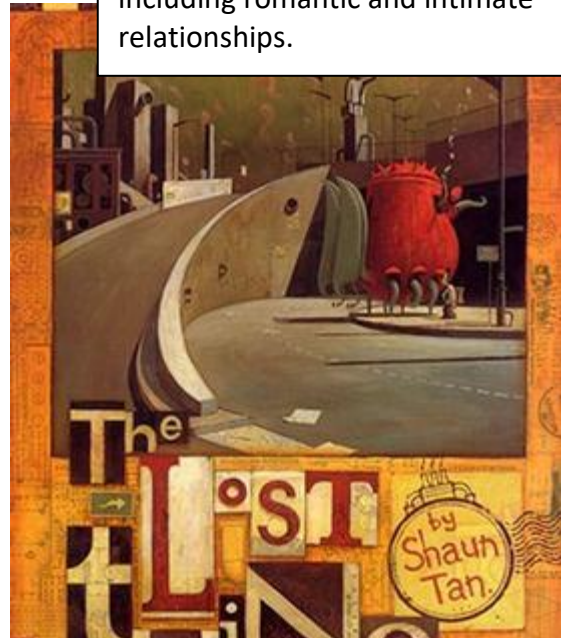
### **Home Learning**

Home learning tasks will be set online on a Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Monday. Reading to your child as well as listening to them read is important to help your child progress, no matter how confident they are. We expect children to be reading at home at least 3 days a week. Please fill in their reading journals so they can be rewarded for reading at home.

Year 6 homework will be activities to help them prepare for their SATs at the end of the year.

### **PDL / Circle Time**

We will be looking at how people have different relationships in their lives including romantic and intimate relationships.



### **English**

We will be using the book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan as our stimulus for most of this half term. We will begin by exploring the text and making inferential judgments about the character, as well as making predictions about what the 'Lost Thing' could be. The children will use their skills they have been taught over the course of the year to write a diary entry in character.

We will then continue with the same story to write a newspaper report about how the 'Lost Thing' was discovered. This will show how they can use both formal and informal language in their writing and write for a variety of purposes.