

What happened to the Mammoths?

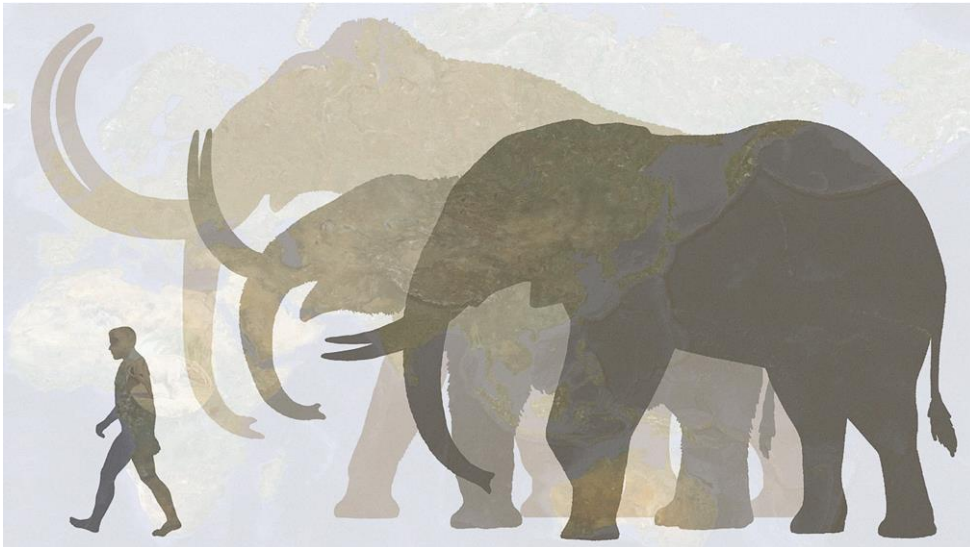
Welcome back Year 6! We hope you had a great Christmas break and you are charged up and raring to go for a new term!

This term we will be having, as our focus, the scientific theories of evolution and adaptation. We will be building on previous knowledge about fossils, and exploring how fossils are evidence of the evolution of the world as we know it. Our **RE** work will link to this as we explore how Christians are able to juggle the notions of adaptation with their beliefs in God's creation.

In **English**, we are using a beautiful picture book called *The Wanderer* as our inspiration for our narrative writing as we describe settings and explore short narratives. We will also be dipping into another book called *The Land of Never-Believe* which will serve as our inspiration for writing biographies and non-chronological reports. Our **Reading** will see us become judges for the Royal Society Young People's Books Prize, examining and interrogating a range of children's science books to vote for our favourite.

In **DT** we will be honing our woodworking skills to make a cube frame which can be adapted in many ways to form the basis of a variety of products, from money-boxes to jack-in-the-boxes! Following on from this, we will use spreadsheets in **Computing** to collect and present data about which products could be most popular amongst our friends and family.

Our **Art** work will build towards a final product of a sculpted bird made from papier-mache which incorporates our explorations in science regarding evolution and adaptation, as you will be challenged to make a bird of your own design! In **Maths**, we will use mental and written methods to divide by 2-digit numbers, before moving on to developing our understanding of calculations with fractions.



Reminders:

This term our PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** (children should come to school in kit).

Although in Year 6 we are trying to encourage the notion of independence to ready the children for secondary school, please give your child a gentle nudge to ensure that their homework is handed in on time. As a reminder, homework is set on Thursdays (sometimes sooner) and due in on Tuesday mornings. We are currently unable to review work handed in on Class Dojo, so for now please ensure your child brings in their homework folder by Tuesday morning.

Weekly spelling tests are held on Tuesday mornings and children are expected to complete 30 minutes of times table practice on TT Rockstars per week.