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Year 5/6 Homework Activities

Find out about the Galápagos Islands that Charles Darwin visited. **Design and draw** your very own island. Can you **create a key** to help explorers to navigate their way around?

Research the ship, HMS Beagle, and make a **fact-filled poster** to display the information you find. You may even wish to **create a model** of the ship itself.

Find out more about other famous scientists who had an interest in evolution and inheritance, such as Alfred Wallace or Mary Anning. Write down their **ideas and viewpoints**.

Visit the *Great Plant Hunt* website and be a plant detective - just like Charles Darwin! **Draw and label a plant** of your choice.

What can you **discover** about Lonesome George, the last giant Pinta Island tortoise? **Research** conservation charities, such as the World Wildlife Fund, to learn about current endangered species and what they do to help. **Present** your information in the form of an award.

Imagine you are the young scientist, Charles Darwin, out on his scientific expedition on HMS Beagle. Write an extract from his **journal (diary)** that describes part of the journey.

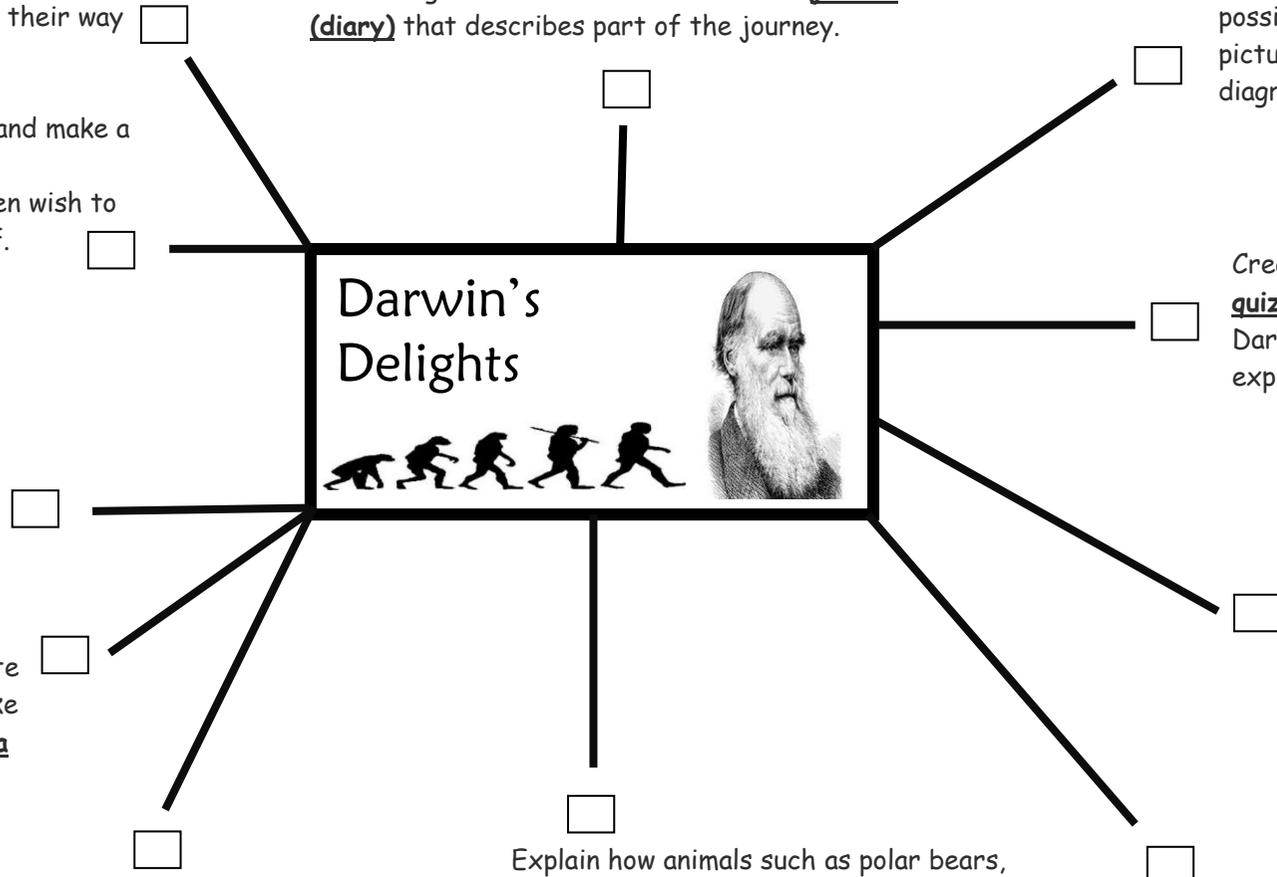
Make a **leaflet or fact file** on an animal of your choice. Try to do as much research as possible, as well as including pictures and a labelled diagram.

Create an exciting true or false **quiz/board game** about Charles Darwin and his scientific expedition on HMS Beagle.

Research Charles Darwin in order to create a **timeline** showing significant events in the scientist's life.

Explain how animals such as polar bears, monkeys and sharks have evolved to suit their environment. **Design a new fantastical creature** that has evolved to suit its unique environment. What features does it have?

Create your own Darwin's Delight **word search** using words you have learnt during the project. Challenge a grown up to solve your puzzle!



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Information for children and parents

Well done on starting your homework project!

- ✓ Over the next half-term you have been given the challenge to complete as many of these 'Darwin's Delights' inspired homework activities as possible! By the end of the half-term, if you have successfully completed four of the homework activities, you will be given a reward!
- ✓ You must complete a minimum of four activities over the half-term in order to receive your reward.
- ✓ Each week we ask you to bring in one of your homework activities to share with your classmates. Each completed activity can then be ticked off.
- ✓ You could even complete other pieces of homework linked to the topic not included on your activity sheet. Be creative!