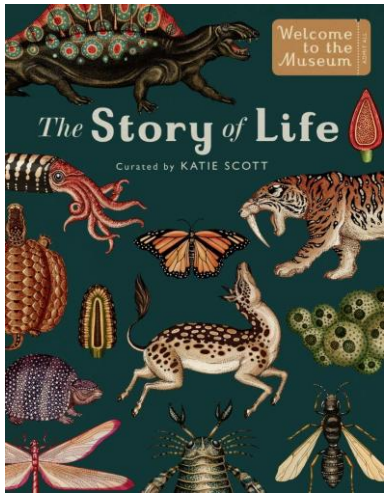
Year 6 What is Evolution?

Subject Specific Vocabulary

off-spring	Off-spring are the young of living things.
adaptation	Adaptation is the process by which animals, plants and other living things have changed so that they better suit their habitat.
evolution	Evolution is the theory that all the kinds of living things that exist today developed from earlier types.
inheritance	When living things reproduce they pass on characteristics to their offspring. This is known as inheritance.
palaeontologist	A palaeontologist is someone studying the life of past geological periods, as known from fossil remains.
Charles Darwin	Charles Darwin was an English scientist who studied nature. He is known for his theory of evolution.
genes	Genes that are passed on to you determine many of your traits, such as your hair colour and skin colour.
natural selection	Survival of the fittest is the natural selection that drives the evolution of life.

Interesting Books



How has the Hare adapted?



Sticky Knowledge

Animals and plants adapt to suit their environment.

Fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.



Over millions of years, adaptation may lead to evolution.

Living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents

Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace and Mary Anning were influential scientists.

