## **Topic Plan**

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## Autumn 1 – 'Darwin's Delights' – Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution **Key Skills Key Facts Key Vocabulary** Adaptation - When an animal or • To order events Charles Darwin is a plant changes to suit their chronologically. very famous scientist environment and increases their who is best known for To use maps, atlases chance of survival. his study of the theory and globes to locate **Ancestor** - A type of animal or of evolution. countries. plant that lived a long time ago. The animal or plants we see today He studied lots of To identify how will have evolved from their different animals and animals and plants are ancestors. birds which allowed adapted to suit their **Evolution** - A process of change him to see how species over time, during which species of environment which can adapt and evolve. plants and animals change their can lead to evolution. physical characteristics. Darwin travelled the To recognise that living Fossil - Hard remains of an animal world during his things produce or plant that lived many years ago voyage on HMS Beagle. found inside rocks. offspring of the same His work on the finches Inheritance - If you inherit a kind which can vary. characteristic you are born with it was some of his most To use techniques, because your parent or ancestor famous. colours, tones and also had it. effects in sketching. Natural Selection - A process where species that are best To record data and adapted to their environment can results. survive and reproduce and those who are not well adapted will die **Species** - A group of animals or plants that have the same main characteristics (for example we are humans). **Key Figures/Places Reading and Writing Links**

Charles Darwin



Galapagos Islands



Narrative – Wonder by R.J Palacio Writing

- Letter
- Narrative

Alongside this we will be focusing on year 5 and 6 grammar.

