

Darwin Explorers

An introduction to Charles Darwin and what he discovered

Year 6

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All pupils** will know Charles Darwin studied nature by observing the world around him
- ✓ **Most pupils** will begin to understand how adaptations develop leading to new species
- ✓ **Some pupils** will remember the names of the key discoveries Darwin made and how they link together to create the Theory of Evolution

Session Outline:

The session begins with a journey back to Charles Darwin's childhood, where students go on a bug hunt for (fake) bugs. Using their field journals, they'll identify their bugs and discuss their adaptations before selecting suitable habitats. Next, students will learn about Darwin's explorations, particularly his observations of the Galapagos finches, and will identify different beaks using real scientific bird study skins. The session concludes with animations illustrating how Darwin used these finches to explain Natural Selection and his Theory of Evolution.



Curriculum Links

Science -
evolution and
inheritance

History - British
History beyond
1066