



## Meet Mr Charles Darwin

Begin your journey of discovery about 'Darwin's Delights' in Darwin's birthplace not too far from us, in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Find out about his life and achievements by watching the short film clip on the following website: <http://www.discoverdarwin.co.uk/fun-and-games/darwins-shrewsbury-film/>

You can find out more information about him from the illustrated time line of his life on the BBC website too:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/charles-darwin-evolution-and-the-story-of-our-species/z7rvxyc>

### Something to get you thinking...

In the film clip, it suggested that it was, "in Shrewsbury that the mind was made" to explain how Darwin knew from a very young age what he wanted to do and achieve by adulthood. *To what extent do you think your environment shapes you? Who and what around you inspire you?*



### Mr Charles Darwin

Write a short biography about your findings on Darwin's life from the website research (and other) that you have conducted. There is an example biography on our class webpage to help you structure your biography correctly. Here is a short checklist of features to include:

- ✓ Capital letters for proper nouns (names of people and places)
- ✓ Written in 3<sup>rd</sup> Person (he, they, his etc)
- ✓ Subheadings to organise his life and achievements in chronological (time) order
- ✓ Powerful language including interesting verbs and adverbs for extra detail, adjectives and precise nouns.
- ✓ Parenthesis for additional information (dates, locations etc) - use brackets, dashes and commas!
- ✓ YEAR 6 feature - Passive voice for formality (was...by.....) - see your revision guides for help if you can't remember or access the Y6 BBC lesson from 22<sup>nd</sup> April on your TV (red button or iPlayer) or computer. You could complete this the day before you write your biography as part of the planning process.

*You could write your biography in your homemade journal (if you have made this already) or produce an illustrated timeline of his life instead.*

**Alfred Russel Wallace** also worked out the theory of evolution so although Darwin is best remembered today, credit should also be given to him too. Watch his biography here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8q3my7ujws>.