

Learning Launchpad: Spring 1, 2020-21



YEAR THREE Miss Sleight & Miss Bailes

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. We are really excited about all of the new things that the children will be learning this term. We can't wait to get started! We're so proud of how well the children have settled into Key Stage Two now, they've adapted brilliantly to our routines (it's like they've always been here!) We're certain that this will continue and that they will achieve great things this term.

Key 'learning and doing' + useful links . . .

English:

This half-term we are going to be writing to inform by focusing on 'Planet Earth'. We will analyse and compare two different styles of nature documentaries about animals in the wild, focusing on the techniques that are used. We will channel our inner Sir David Attenborough to write and film our own nature documentary about an animal of our choice.

Maths:

We will continue with our work on 'Multiplication and Division'. Building on from multiplying and dividing one-digit numbers we will look at multiplying and dividing two-digit numbers. We will use concrete and pictorial methods first to multiply and divide by multiples of 10. Then we will use a formal written method to multiply and divide two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers.

Geography: We will be studying 'Mountains, Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Climate Zones.'

Science: Our unit this half term is, 'Forces and Magnets.'

Computing: The children will continue to learn programming skills with Mr Pascall. They will also learn about the contributions to computing made by Tim Berners-Lee and Dorcas Muthoni.

PSHCE: Our unit is, 'What are families like?'

RE: Our unit is, 'What is Spirituality and how do people experience this?'

Key dates and reminders . . .

Key dates:

Monday 4th January 2021 – School reopens

Friday 12th February 2021 – School closes for February half-term

Reminders:

PE is every Thursday afternoon; your child needs to come in their PE kit that day. We will try and do PE outside as much as possible so please send your child in appropriate clothing like a tracksuit.

As children are now bringing in their own packed lunches to school, please can we remind you that we are a nut free school.

Homework is set on Seesaw every Friday afternoon to be done for the following Thursday. This half term we will be testing the 3, 6 and 9 times tables.