

# Learning Launchpad: Spring 1, 2020-21



Year 4

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What an amazing term the Autumn term was! We hope you have a wonderful and well deserved Christmas break and we are looking forward to the new year. Next half term, Year 4 will be taking part in workshops with poets and musicians which we are very excited about to inspire our writing.

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

### **English:**

After Christmas, we will be using the book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill to inspire our learning. We will be learning about the features of non-fiction writing. We will be using the information in the book to help us write our own newspaper reports and biographies about Ernest Shackleton.

**Maths:** In maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division. We will be strengthening our knowledge of all of the times tables, ready for our times tables test later in the year.

### **Other subjects:**

In Science, we will be looking at 'Electricity'. We will be focusing all of our learning around the question 'Does electricity still travel when there is a broken link in a circuit?'

In Geography, we will be learning about Europe and looking at some of the highest mountains and longest rivers that can be found here. We will also be learning about some of the main countries in Europe and their capital cities.

In DT, we will be using our knowledge of circuits from Science, to help us design, make and evaluate some lighthouses.

## Key dates and reminders . . .

### Key dates:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Return to school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Forest School for Year 4

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Forest School for Year 4

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term

### Reminders:

**PE kit:** PE will be done on a Wednesday each week so please remember to come to school wearing appropriate clothing. We may go out on the field so please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear and no earrings.

**Homework:** Homework will be set as a Seesaw activity on a Friday and expected to be completed by the following Thursday. Spelling and times table tests will be done on a Thursday.