

# Learning Launchpad: Spring 1, 2020-21



Year 5  
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Welcome back to school! What an amazing term the Autumn term was. 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!

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

### **English: 'Battle Cry'**

To create a persuasive speech to encourage people to join you in battle. We will be focusing on use of repetition for effect, rhetorical questions and alliteration. Our punctuation focus will be using an ellipsis.

In reading comprehensions we will be working on our inference skills, understanding the deeper meaning of the text and the impact on the reader.

### **Maths: Fractions**

Compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.

Identify, name and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction, represented visually, including tenths and hundredths.

Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and denominators that are multiples of the same number.

Multiply proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers, supported by materials and diagrams.

Read and write decimal numbers as fractions e.g.  $0.71 = 71/100$ .

### **Other subjects:**

#### Science - 'Lets get moving'

Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object and the impact of gravity on our lives. Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, which act between moving surfaces.

Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

#### PE

Dance - In dance we will be looking at different genres of dance and some key skills and moves in these areas. We will be working together to choreograph a piece to perform to our peers. This will include looking at 'Street Dance' and contemporary dance.

#### RE + PSICHE

What values are shown in codes for living?

To look at rules different religions follow and compare these rules and views to our own. To explore kind and unkind and the consequences of breaking these rules.

## Key dates and reminders . . .

### **Key dates:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - School reopens

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Anxiety workshop for year 5.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - School closes for February half-term

### **Reminders:**

PE will be done on a Tuesday afternoon 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.

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 Friday. This half term we will be having a big push on the year 5-6 spelling words and mixed times tables from 2x to 12x including the inverse operations.