

# Learning Launchpad: Spring 2, 2021-22



Year 5

Mrs Walsh & Mr O'Shea

Welcome back after a lovely half term holiday! We hope you all had an enjoyable rest and are ready to go again! This half term, we have got lots of exciting things planned: one of them being a Viking Experience Day, where visitors will come into school and deliver a range of exciting activities! We also have the Year 5 Easter Service, at St Thomas' church to look forward to! It's great that we are able to do these things again!

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

### **English:**

In English, we will be focussing all of our learning around the book 'The Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac. We will be focussing on writing and recording an information text based on the wolf's physical attributes, habitat and lifestyle. We will use inspiration from the class text to write our own narrative story. We will continue to focussing on expressive vocabulary, spellings, and grammar in our writing. We will be writing to discuss.

### **Maths:**

In Maths this half term, we will be focussing on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will learn how to compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number. We will then identify, name and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction, represented visually, including tenths and hundredths. We will then add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and denominators that are multiples of the same number. We will then multiply proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers, supported by materials and diagrams. Finally, we will read and write decimal numbers as fractions and percentages e.g.  $0.71 = 71/100$ .

### **Science:**

In Science, we will be looking at our new topic, the circle of life. Within this we will be looking at life cycles, living things and different habitats. We will look at the differences in the life cycles of: a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

### **Music**

We will be continuing working with the music specialist, Mrs Quarmby, to compose, perform and create different genres of music using the flute.

### **Design Technology:**

In design technology, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own soft toys. We will learn a variety of stitches, such as the cross stitch and the running stitch, to help us create our final design.

## Key dates and reminders . . .

### **Key dates:**

Monday 28th February 2022 – Return to school

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 – World Book Day Costumes

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Viking Experience Day

Friday 18th March 2022 – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th April 2022 – Parents Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Easter Service.

Friday 8th April 2022 – Break up for Easter

### **Reminders:**

Homework and spellings will be set each Friday in homework books. This homework is due in for marking by the following Thursday.

PE continues to be taught on a Monday and Tuesday. We will be outside when the weather is appropriate so we encourage the children to wear appropriate footwear and clothing each week.

Reading books should be brought home and into school every day so that we can read with your child. We hope that you are able to listen to your child read at home. Please remember to write comments in your child's reading record when you read with them.