

Learning Launchpad: Spring 1, 2023

YEAR 3 Miss Sleight & Mrs Morgan



Welcome back!

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break and a well-earned rest! 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 they will achieve great things this term! We're really excited about all of the new things that the children will be learning this term. We can't wait to get started!

English: This half term we are going to begin by writing a narrative based on the classic 'The Wizard of Oz'. We will be looking at the features of story writing and learning how to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Then 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. Then 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.

Science: Our unit this half term is Forces and Magnets. Our enquiry question that we will be investigating is, 'Are all materials magnetic?'

Geography: We will be focusing on Geographical Processes and Climate Zones. Our enquiry question this half term is, 'What clothing should I pack if I was going on an around the world trip and why?'

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

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

DT: In our DT unit we will be looking at mechanisms and applying this to making a pneumatic toy.

Computing: We will be continuing with programming using Scratch.

PE: Gymnastics

Key Dates

Wednesday 4th January – Return to school

Wednesday 4th January – World Braille Day

Monday 6th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February – Break up for half term

Reminders

PE is still every Monday and Thursday, 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 sent home every Friday afternoon to be done for the following Thursday. This half term we will be testing the 3, 6 & 9 times tables.