



Learning Launchpad: Spring 1, 2024

YEAR 5 Miss Hanson and Mr O'Shea



Welcome back!

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break, enjoyed the festivities with your families and had a well-earned rest! We are really looking forward to starting the new year as we mean to go on. We are really excited about all of the new things that the children will be learning next term. We can't wait to get started! We will be having a big focus on ensuring that the children are confident in their understanding of reading comprehension and all aspects of our reading VIPERS.

English: In English, we will be focusing all of our learning around the book 'The Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac. We will be focusing on writing and recording an information text based on the wolf's physical attributes, habitat and lifestyle. In our second piece related to 'The Eye of the wolf', we will be focusing on how to discuss and share a balanced argument. We will continue to focus on expressive vocabulary, spellings and grammar within our writing.

Maths: In maths this half term, we will continue looking at multiplication and division. We will continue learning the formal written method for long multiplication for 2-digit by 2-digit. We will then apply this to different multiplication questions up to 4-digit by 2-digit, before looking at formal methods for division.

Science: Properties and changes of materials:

'Can all materials change state?'

Geography: 'Would you like to live in the desert?'

PSHCE: 'What decisions can people make with money?'

RE: 'What values are shown in codes for living?'

DT: 'Textiles: Stuffed toys'

Computing: 'Data Handling- Mars Rover'

PE: 'OAA' and swimming

Music: Flutes

Key Dates

- Monday 8th January – Return to school
- Thursday 18th January – Flat Stan First Aid
- Monday 5th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th February – Break up for half term

Reminders

PE is now every Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Your child needs to come in their PE kit that day. We will be doing PE outside so please send your child in appropriate clothing. On Friday mornings we will be going swimming. On this day, children are to come to school in their PE kits and bring their swimming things in a separate bag.

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 8 and 12 times tables.