



Learning Launchpad: Spring 2, 2024

YEAR 5 Miss Hanson and Mr O'Shea



Welcome back!

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!

English: In English, we will be focusing all of our learning around the book "Holes" by Louis Sachar. We will be focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar in our writing, improving our handwriting and ensuring we use cursive script. We will be writing to inform- We will create an information leaflet on an animal, producing a 'Deadly 60' style report. We will also focus on using different writing techniques including subheadings and bullet points to make our writing clearer to the reader. We will also be using the skills we progressed in our last discuss topic to create a balanced argument for the question: 'Should juvenile detention centres exist around the world?'

Maths: In Maths this half term, we will be focusing 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: Living things and their habitats. Do all animals have the same life cycle?

History: Change and continuity/Cause and Consequence: Why did the Vikings invade Britain and what did they change?

French: Clothes and colours.

RE: Should we forgive others?

Art: Painting and mixed media: Portraits.

Computing: Programming music

PE: Invasion games.

Music: Flutes

Key Dates

- 19th February - Return to school
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 5th March - Viking Experience Day
- 15th March - Red Nose Day
- 18th - 19th March - Parent's Evening
- 19th March - Easter Service
- 22nd March - End of term

Reminders

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

PE will now be on Thursday and Friday. We will be outside when the weather is appropriate so we encourage the children to wear appropriate footwear and clothing each week. 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.

Reading books will be sent home fortnightly and need to be returned before the next book they have read in school can be taken home.