

## Home School Guide – Autumn 1

### Tiger Lilies – Years 3 and 4

#### Theme/Topic – Light and Shadows

**English** – Linked to our topic on Light and Shadows, children will be learning the poem Darkness and Light by Grace Nichols and writing their own poems in the style of the poet. The text for this half term will be The Firework-maker's Daughter, which will be used as a stimulus for children to write persuasively. Children will develop their spelling skills as well as developing their ability to recognise and use conjunctions, subordinate clauses, synonyms, determiners, clauses, superlatives and comparatives. You can help your child by helping them to learn key spelling words from the Year 3/4 word list (will be given out with this sheet).

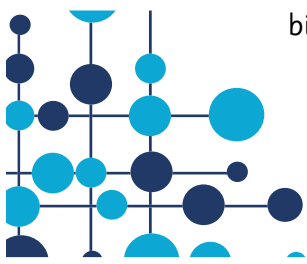
**Maths** – This term we will be focussing on number. In the place value unit, children will recognise the place value of each digit in a number and learn to read, write, compare and order numbers. In the addition and subtraction unit, children will add and subtract numbers mentally and using the formal written method, where appropriate. They will learn to estimate answers and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation. In both units, they will learn to solve problems.


**Topic** – Our topic this half term is Light and Shadows. In Science, we will learn about light and light sources. We will learn about dark, how shadows are formed and investigate how they change during the day. In DT, children will create jointed shadow puppets controlled with a flexible stick connection in order to perform a puppet show. Throughout the autumn terms, in History, we will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In Geography, children will use maps, atlases and globes to locate sites of Stone Age and Iron Age settlements.

**PE** – On Mondays, we will be learning tennis skills. On Fridays, it will be fitness.

#### Things to remember

- Start time for our class is **9.00am** and pick up time will be **3.30pm**. **All children should be dropped off and picked up at the pedestrian gate at the front of school only.**
- PE is on Mondays and Fridays this half term. **All children should attend school in their PE kit on these days.** Please remove children's jewellery in a morning if they cannot remove it on their own.
- **Swimming** will not begin until after October half term.
- **Library books** will be changed every Friday; please make sure they are returned each week.
- **Spellings** are sent home on a Friday as part of the homework. A spelling test will be completed the following Friday and the results sent via Class Dojo. All other homework should be returned the following Wednesday.
- Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** in school each day filled with fresh water – **no juice please.**
- **Morning snack** – please send your child with a piece of fruit, vegetables, cheese or fruit juice. There will be **no Tuck Shop in September.** Crisps, biscuits, chocolate etc will not be allowed to be eaten in school at break time





and will be returned home the same day. **Please remember we are a nut free school.**

### **Websites to access**

<https://trockstars.com/>   [www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com)   [www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com)

Usernames and passwords to these accounts will be given to your child with this sheet.

### **Key Dates**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes day – wear denim in school £1 donation

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Festival – class donations for hampers to be delivered into the community (more details to follow)

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October** – whole school well being day

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - After school Halloween class parties (more details to follow)

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - end of term

**School reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8.40am**

