



## Home School Guide – Autumn 2

### Tiger Lilies – Years 3 and 4

#### Theme/Topic – The Romans in Britain

**English** – In English, we will start with a “conquering a problem” tale. Children will develop their spelling and vocabulary, in particular powerful verbs and boastful language. They will also be writing an information text based around our learning on the Romans in Britain. They will learn to write using topic sentences and relative clauses. 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 addition and subtraction unit, children will add and subtract numbers mentally using the formal written method, where appropriate. They will learn to estimate answers and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation. In the multiplication and division unit, we will be learning to recall multiplication and division facts. Children will learn to use mental and formal written methods. In both units, they will learn to solve problems. You can help your child by practising times tables with them and encouraging them to practise on Times Table Rock Stars.

**Topic** – Our topic this half term is The Romans in Britain. In History, children will understand where the Roman Empire fits into a chronological timeline. They will learn about the countries that formed the Roman Empire. They will look specifically at York and the impact and legacy of the Romans there and across Britain. In DT, children will design and construct Roman catapults. In Art, they will be using a range of materials to create an animal collage.

**Geography** – In Geography, we will develop our understanding of where we live in relation to others, parts of Yorkshire, England and the UK. Children will also compare the key geographical features in the different countries that make up the UK and consider how they have changed over time.

**Science** – In Science, we will look at three topics this half term. In Evolution, children will learn about fossils and how they are formed. We will learn to group living things in different ways as part of our Living Things topic. In the Animals and Humans topic, we will learn about different nutrition and the type and amount of nutrition needed by different animals and humans. We will also learn about the uses of skeletons and muscles in animals and humans.

**PE** – Our PE days will now be Mondays and Thursdays. On a Monday, we will be learning Yoga. On a Thursday, it will be Athletics led by Ultimate Sports.

#### Things to remember

- Classroom doors open at 8.50am and pick up time will be 3.20pm.
- PE is on Mondays and Thursdays 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.
- 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.

## 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

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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need** (children can come dressed in their pyjamas and bring their favourite soft toy for a donation)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – ‘Time’ themed charity day** to raise funds to restore the clock on St John’s Church in Golcar (more details to follow)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – INSET day** – school closed for children

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Non uniform day** – donation of Christmas chocolate for the chocolate tombola

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Raffle and Chocolate tombola draw** (more details to follow)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity** will be filmed and sent to parents

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas carol concert** to be sent to parents via video  
- after school Christmas parties (more details to follow)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – last day of term normal finish time

**School reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**