



Home School Guide – Autumn 2 2020

Matrix Class – Year 5/6

English – In English this half term, we will be learning how to write explanation texts. For this non-fiction unit, we will be writing a guide on how to care for a magical creature. For our fiction unit this half term, we will be writing historical narratives with a Victorian theme. In our reading sessions, we will be reading the book, ‘Cogheart’ by Peter Bunzl – some of our pupils were lucky enough to meet this fantastic author last year and will be very excited to be reading one of his books!

Maths – Fractions will be a huge part of our learning in maths this half term. We will be learning how to use the four operations when working with fractions, including improper and mixed numbers. We will be finding fractions of amounts and finding the whole amount from a given fraction. Towards the end of the term, we will also be learning about coordinates on a four-quadrant grid, reflection and translation (with a Christmas twist!).

Topic – We have so many exciting topics to get stuck into this half term! We will become historians as we delve into learning about the Industrial Revolution and how this period has impacted our lives today. In our art lessons, we will be learning about colours and textures as we use collage to create a mythical beast! Finally, in science, we will be studying soundwaves where we will explore pitch and volume in a variety of instruments.

Things to remember

- Drop off time for Matrix Class is at 9.00am and pick up time is 3.30pm.
- PE is on Thursdays and Fridays and our sports for this half term are athletics and badminton.
- Spellings will be sent out via dojo every Friday and children will be tested the following week.
- Homework will be set via Purple Mash every Friday.

Websites to access

<https://ttrockstars.com/> <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login> www.purplemash.com

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

Key Dates

- **School reopens on Monday 2nd November**
- **Friday 13th November – Children in Need** (children can come dressed in their pyjamas and bring their favourite soft toy for a donation)
- **Wednesday 25th November – ‘Time’ themed charity day** to raise funds to restore the clock on St John’s Church in Golcar (more details to follow)
- **Friday 27th November – INSET day** – school closed for children
- **Friday 4th December – Non uniform day** – donation of Christmas chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- **Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Raffle and Chocolate tombola draw** (more details to follow)
- **Friday 11th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day**
- **Wednesday 16th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity** will be filmed and sent to parents
- **Thursday 17th December – Christmas carol concert** to be sent to parents via video
 - - after school Christmas parties (more details to follow)
- **Friday 18th December** – last day of term normal finish time
- **School reopens on Monday 4th January 2021**

