



## Home School Guide – Spring 1 2020/21

### Stargazers – Y4/5    Theme/ Topic – Vikings

The Year 4/5 team are excited to welcome Stargazers back to school after a (hopefully) relaxing Christmas break! We will be travelling back to AD793 to learn all about the Viking invasions, right through to the Battle of Hastings in 1066 when King Harold was defeated.

**English** – We will be continuing to use Talk 4 Writing to plan, innovate, develop and publish wonderful writing, both fiction and non-fiction. We will be using the text Beowulf to help us write tales about conquering a monster, as well as using what we learn in history to write non-chronological reports to document everything we know about Viking life.

**Maths** – After half term we will continue with multiplication and division, and move into fractions, decimals and percentages. The multiplication check for Y4 children has been cancelled, however times tables will continue to be a large focus throughout the year for both years 4 and 5 and practise at home would be appreciated.

**Topic** – In topic this half term as previously mentioned we will delve into the world of the vicious Vikings! In science we will learn about plants, and for all the keen artists in Stargazers, we will also be learning about watercolour brush techniques! For PE this half term, we'll be doing Tag Rugby.

### Things to remember

- Classroom doors open at 8.50am and pick up time will be 3.20pm.
- PE will be on a Monday and a Wednesday this half term. All children should attend school in their PE kit on these days which should consist of sensible trainers, warm, black tracksuit bottoms, a white t shirt and a black jumper. Please remove children's jewellery in a morning if they cannot remove it on their own and ensure long hair is tied back.

- **Websites to access**

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

[www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com)

- **Key Dates**

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – School reopens at 8.50am
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – Film night in class bubbles 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – Huddersfield Town Wear it Blue Day and Raffle (charity for the Town Foundation which run our breakfast club)
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – Bags for Schools collection
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – NSPCC Number Day
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – Valentines Class Discos (more details to follow)
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – School closes for half term
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021** – School reopens