



## Home School Guide – Spring 2

### Tiger Lilies – Years 3 and 4

#### Theme/Topic – York to Edinburgh

**English** – In English, we will be looking at an alternative version of Jack and the Beanstalk and using it as our inspiration to write a rags to riches tale. We will focus in particular on writing openings and endings. Children will develop their spelling and vocabulary and learn to write descriptively. We will continue to develop our reading comprehension skills by reading a variety of texts including The Iron Man and Revolting Rhymes. Children will learn to retrieve, compare, predict, infer, explain and find information.

**Maths** – We will be learning all about fractions in maths. Children will recognise, find and write fractions, they will learn to compare and order fractions and also to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. The children will apply their skills by solving problems.

**Art** – In art, we will be taking inspiration from the artist Meghan Coyle and creating a collage. Children will learn to choose a range of materials to create a striking effect and learn new ways to manipulate materials to create textures and effects.

**Geography** – In geography, we will build on our knowledge of the United Kingdom. This half term we will look in detail at two cities: York in England and Edinburgh in Scotland. We will explore key geographical features and learn how these cities have changed over time.

**History** – Our history topic is Buildings since 1066. By looking at how buildings have changed over time, children will develop their ability to describe events using a wide range of historical vocabulary and to ask and answer questions using their knowledge of past events.

**Science** – In chemistry, we will be exploring different types of rocks and learn how to group them according to their properties. We will learn about the three main types of rock and look at what soil is made up of.

**PE** – This half term in PE we will be learning dance. Some of the key skills the children will develop include performing a variety of dance actions; observing and providing feedback and inclusion. PE will be on Fridays.

#### Things to remember

- Classroom doors open at 8.50am and pick up time will be 3.20pm.
- PE is on a Friday 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.
- Weekly spelling tests will be completed on Friday and the results sent via Class Dojo. Children have the opportunity to practise daily at school but you can help your child by practising with them at home. The spelling list is sent out via Class Dojo and the new spellings can be practised on Spelling Shed weekly.

#### Websites to access

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

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

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





## Key Dates

**School reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 8.40am**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Non uniform for a piece of Easter chocolate for the chocolate tombola

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Film Night £2.00 - bring your own snacks!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Comic relief - wear something funny for money £1.00 donation for the Comic Relief charity

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Bags for School will be collected

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Sponsored Easter Fun Run and egg hunt – details to follow

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Deadline for Egg decorating competition – details to follow

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Raffle and chocolate tombola

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter party 3.30pm – 5.00pm £2.00 per child. £1.00 for food - hot dogs and Easter nest plus tuck shop

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – last day of term normal finish time

**School reopens on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**