



## Home School Guide – Summer 1 2021

### Matrix Class – Year 5/6

**English** – In English this half term, for our non-fiction texts we will be learning how to write our own journalistic recount (news reports). These will focus on the appropriate use of direct and reported speech along with use of rhetorical questions to indicate empathy or sympathy in certain situations. Our news reports will be based around our history topic of the British Monarchy, in which our journalistic recounts will be focused on the execution of Henry VIII's wives. Our fiction texts will have a narrative focus in descriptive writing and varied sentence structures allowing the pupils to get creative with their imaginations.

**Maths** – This half term we will be learning about statistics! This unit of work includes learning how to read line graphs and pie charts but also how to decipher the correct information to create our own line graphs and pie charts, developing our skills to solve mathematical problems.

**Topic** – In history this half term, we will be learning all about the British Monarchy. We will be learning about the reign of Henry VIII through to Queen Elizabeth II while gaining an understanding around the influence the British Monarchy has on the wider world. In Geography we will be delving deep into North and South America looking into the environment and natural disasters in certain areas such as the Amazon rainforest, Death Valley in California, and the hurricanes in New Orleans.

#### Things to remember

- Drop off time for Matrix Class is between 8.45am and 9.00am and pick up time is 3.20pm.
- PE is on Thursdays and our sports for this half term are volleyball and rounders.
- Spellings will be sent out via dojo every Friday and children will be tested the following week.
- Homework will be set via Purple Mash or on Teams every Friday.

#### Websites to access

<https://trockstars.com/> <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login> [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 12<sup>th</sup> April 8.50am**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – School Photographer, individual photos

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Games Night, after school event. Details to follow.

**Week Commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Parents Evening. More information to follow.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - School Photographer, class photos

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday Monday, school closed

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – NSPCC Number Day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Teacher Training Day, school closed to pupils

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Eid class parties after school event. Details to follow.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Wear it Blue Day in support of the Huddersfield Town Foundation

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** - last day of term normal finish time

**School reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

