

Giggleswick Primary School

Harrison Class

Autumn Term 2



## MATHS

During the second half of the autumn term, the children in Harrison class will be developing use of multiplication and division. Our year 4 children will also be looking at area. In year 5 and 6, children will also be studying fractions and converting units. All children will also continue to embed their knowledge of times tables.

## ENGLISH

We will be developing our writing skills through the following texts:

**Cont. Non-fiction – A biography of Nikola Tesla**

**Poetry – The Malfeasance**

We will also develop our understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation and practise our handwriting skills. In addition, we will use 'VIPERS' questions to help us with reading comprehension.

## ART & DESIGN

Children will be studying DT this half term with the aim of designing and making their own stuffed toy, considering the main component shapes required and creating an appropriate template. They will develop their use of blanket stitch and appliqué to sew all components together and add detail.

## R.E.

Our question this half term is Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?

## DIARY DATES

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Back to school  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr 5&6 Boys football  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Swimming Gala  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - Settle Christmas lights switch on  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Boys finals TBC  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Panto  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Singing at Anley Hall

## SCIENCE

Our science topic this half term is Light. We will be looking at how light travels, how it is reflected, how shadows are made and conduct our own experiments to prove/disprove our predictions. We will also develop our scientific drawing.

## PSHEe

This term our topic is 'Relationships' focusing particularly on peer pressure and influence, being respectful and dealing with conflict in a safe and constructive way.

## P.E.

Swimming will take place on Thursdays at Settle Pool and will concentrate on stroke development. We will be doing P.E. with Mrs Mercer on a Monday afternoon concentrating on netball this half term.

## HOMEWORK

**READING** – Children should read at home every day. Please listen to them read aloud, at least weekly, in order to help develop their fluency and expression.

**SPELLING** – Each child has their own personalized list of words to work on. Please practice these daily.

**TIMES TABLES/OTHER MATHS FACTS** – Children should practise these each day at home. All children have access to Times Tables Rockstars which can be accessed from home.

**HOMEWORK CHALLENGES** – English Comprehension and maths to hand in each Wednesday.

## FRENCH

This half term we will be learning how to describe my local area in French, We will be writing our own firework poem using French words for colours as well as learning how to identify local landmarks and say 'where is ...?' when enquiring about shops in our local area.

## MUSIC

This half term, we will continue to develop our singing, composing and improvisation. We will be focusing on composing using Theme and Variation based on the well-known melody, *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* and musical structures such Ternary form to organise and structure our musical ideas. As part of our studies, we will be listening to the music of Benjamin Britten, Mozart and Edward Elgar.

## Geography

This half term we will be looking at where our food comes from, biomes, how our food choices impact our environment and the importance of fair trade. We will be conducting our own field research to look at consumption, trends, the journey our food takes and the advantages and disadvantages of locally sourced and imported food.

