

COMET - Asteroid Class - Spring 1 2024

Welcome back!

A very big welcome back to school after the Christmas break. Many thanks for all the warm wishes and goodies for the staffroom at the end of the Autumn Term – your support is always much appreciated. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are ready to return for another fun filled term. The Spring term is very busy with many events taking place including: an electricity Science workshop, Science week, our 3-day residential to Beverley Park in March and World Book Day.

Timetable

The children will follow a similar pattern of learning every morning with a 'busy start' task, collective worship, reading, English and Maths. Afternoon subjects will be as follows:

Monday – Computing, Library and French

Tuesday – Science/Design Technology

Wednesday – Geography or History

Thursday – RE and Art

Friday – PE* and Music

* PE kit should be kept in school all week as sometimes they are needed on days other than Thursday.

Please ensure your child brings their blue book bag and water bottle **every day**. All items of clothing should be clearly named.

Our golden thread this half term is:

Life Long Readers

We are continuing with our Reading for Pleasure meetings on a Friday morning. Our Reading River is looking amazing!

Some areas we will cover this half term...

- Maths: Addition and Subtraction
- English: Stone Age Boy (and other adventure stories)
- PSHE: Belonging to a Community
- Science: Rocks/Inheritance and Evolution
- History: Celts and Romans
- Geography: Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes
- Design Technology: Cooking and Nutrition, making spaghetti bolognese
- PE: Target, control, combine THEN Strike, react, rally.
- RE: What kind of world did Jesus want?
- Music: China AND In the Past
- French: Animals, counting and using numbers
- Computing: Word Processing then 3D Modelling.
- Art: Natural World – Aboriginal Art

Homework Expectation

All children have a 'reading for practice' book. They are also encouraged to take a book from our class library for 'reading for pleasure', which they can change it as often as they like. In Comet Class, children take turns to recommend a favourite book to their classmates. You will be notified when it is your child's turn to prepare a presentation. Children are expected to complete the right-hand side of their reading diary at home **on a weekly basis** please. This is checked each Monday when the children get an opportunity to share their work with their peers.

The spelling list for Common Exception Words can be found [here](#) and a weekly etymology word task is posted on the school website. If you would like to reinforce the spelling work covered in class at home, please let Miss Mandelson know.

You will find the login for [LetterJoin](#) on the inside front cover of your child's reading diary. This is best used on a tablet or phone.

Children have access to [Numbots](#) and [TTRockstars](#) for regular practice of number facts at home. Many thanks for all your support with homework – it makes a huge difference.

Communication

Need to contact us...

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for any general enquiries or any out of school hours correspondence (8am – 6pm).

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for any collection arrangements or afternoon class teacher questions (8am – 6pm only).

Don't forget to follow our Twitter page to get regular snapshots of life in Asteroids, Comet and Rocket Class!

An email is sent each week from the school office with reminders of things parents need to know for the week ahead. Any letters are always sent out by email; for ease, these are also uploaded to the letters section of the website for future reference.

There is a 'whole school news' section on the front page of the website, which has up to date articles added for parents. This can be accessed by scrolling down the page. The latest articles will always appear at the top.

Newsletters are sent each half term and posted on the class page of the website.