

# COMET-Rocket Class - Spring 1 2024

## Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break with lots of family time and relaxation. Many thanks for all your warm wishes at the end of the Autumn term, not to mention all the goodies for the staffroom! As we move into Spring term and approach the halfway point of the academic year, we are looking forward to seeing the children continue to grow in confidence and make progress in all areas of the curriculum.

## Timetable

### **Monday**

\*P.E kits in school for the week.

\*Phonetically matched reading book is returned to school.

### **Wednesday**

\*Reception, Year One and Year Two go swimming. Please note that we will not return to school until approximately 3.40pm.

### **Friday**

\*PE in the afternoon with Mrs Staveley.

\*Music in the afternoon with Mrs Harris.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag and water bottle **every day**.

**\*Please ensure book bags with reading records are in school every day (and kept separate from water bottles and food items to avoid spills).**

## Homework Expectation

All children have a 'reading for practice' book. They are also encouraged to take a book or magazine from our class library for 'reading for pleasure', which is entirely their own choice and can be changed as often as they like. In Comet Class, children take turns to review and share a favourite book with their classmates. You will be notified when it is your child's turn to prepare a presentation. All children are expected to complete the right-hand side of their reading diary at home **on a weekly basis** please. This is shared in class each Monday when children get another brief opportunity to recommend a favourite book from their previous week's reading.

The spelling list for Y2 Common Exception Words can be found [here](#). 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](#) for regular practice of number facts at home. Login details can be found on the inside back cover of your child's reading diary. You may also like to take a look at the [White Rose 1 Minute Maths](#) app which is free to download.

## Our golden thread this half term is...

### **'Lifelong readers'**

We always promote a love of reading here at St Nicholas and your child is encouraged to change their reading for pleasure book as frequently as they wish. We are hoping to arrange a visit from the Library Service this term too.

### **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: Animals including humans
- PE: Jumping and landing
- Art: Colour mixing and portraits
- Computing: Lego Builders Coding
- History: Houses and homes- Castles
- RE: Gospel
- Geography: The North Pole
- DT: Designing and making a healthy smoothie.

## Communication

### Need to contact us...

[admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)

for any general enquiries or any out of school hours correspondence.

[senco@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:senco@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk) for Miss M

or

[helen.clegg@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:helen.clegg@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk) for any collection arrangements or class teacher questions (8am – 6pm only).

Don't forget to follow our Twitter page to get regular snapshots of life in 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.