

COMET-Rocket Class - Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back

It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 2s into the Comet Class family this week. They are settling in really well and getting used to new routines and systems quickly. A special well done to the whole class for how sensibly they have coped in the heat this week – our classroom gets particularly warm in the mornings when it is in the full glare of the sun!

Timetable

Monday

*P.E kits in school for the week

Wednesday

*Forest School in the afternoon – old clothes, waterproofs and wellies (ideally wellies should be kept at school for use at playtime and lunchtime)
*Phonetically matched reading book goes home.

Friday

*Phonetically matched reading book is returned to school.
*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**.

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.

Our golden thread this half term is...

Confident Communicators

We want our children to be able to express themselves clearly and confidently when speaking to different audiences; including their peers, other children around school, staff and visitors.

Some areas we will cover this half term...

- Maths: Place Value/Adding & Subtracting
- English: Non-fiction re Neil Armstrong
- PSHE: Families and friendships
- Science: Animals including humans
- PE: Agility, balance and coordination
- Art: Portraits
- Computing: Online safety and effective searching
- Geography: Contrasting West Tanfield with Whitby
- History: Houses and homes

Communication

Need to contact us...

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

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or

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.

Newsletters are sent each half term.