

COMET - Asteroid Class - Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back and hear all their holiday news. They have had a super week settling back into routines quickly. A special well done to the whole class for how sensibly they have coped in the heat this week – Comet classroom gets particularly warm in the mornings when it is in the full glare of the sun!

Timetable

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

Monday - Computing then Library/French/Handwriting

Tuesday – Science

Wednesday – Geography/History

Thursday – RE and Art

Friday – Music and PE

* 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:

Confident Communicators

We want our children to be excited about their learning so that they are able to express themselves with peers, classmates and adults.

Some areas we will cover this half term...

- Maths: Place value, addition and subtraction
- English: Non-fiction re Neil Armstrong
- PSHE: Families and friendships
- Science: Animals including Humans
- History: Invaders and Settlers
- Geography: Where do I live?
- Design Technology: Electric Systems - Doodlers
- PE: Exploring, creating, and performing movements and action plus social skills of cooperation and collaboration along with the bravery and curiosity to try new things.
- RE: What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?
- Music: Communication/ Poetry/ Time
- French: Greetings and Instructions
- Computing: Internet Safety and Emailing

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...

admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

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

senco@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk for Miss M

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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.