

# Rocket Class - Spring 1 2024

## Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break with lots of family time and relaxation. 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. Please do continue to support your child's growing independence too by encouraging them to say goodbye to you outside and come into the classroom and complete their morning jobs. Thank you for your support with this.

## Timetable

### **Monday**

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

**\*Please ensure book bags and reading records are in school every day.**

### **Tuesday**

### **Wednesday**

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

Nursery children will stay with Mrs Clegg.

### **Thursday**

### **Friday**

\*Phonetically matched reading book is returned to school.

\*PE in the afternoon with Mrs Staveley.

\*Music in the afternoon with Mrs Harris.

## 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: Fiction.
- PSED: 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: EYFS: Why do Christians perform Nativity plays? KS1: Gospel.
- Geography: The North Pole.
- DT: Designing and making a healthy smoothie.
- Nursery will continue their 'Foundations for Phonics.' Look out for copies sent home.

## Need to contact us...

**admin@** for any general enquiries/to report an absence or any out of school hours correspondence (8am – 6pm).

**helen.clegg@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk** for any collection arrangements or class teacher questions; 8am – 6pm only.

## Homework Expectation

Reception and Year One will bring home their phonetically matched reading book on a Wednesday. It **MUST** be returned to school on **FRIDAY** please.

All children are encouraged to take a book from our class library and change it as often as they like.

Year One children are expected to go on Numbots for 10 minutes five times per week.

**Reception and Year One: Please do look in your child's reading record for their latest Phonics Assessment to see how you can support at home.**

## Communication

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