

Rocket Class - Spring 1 2023

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends. Could I also take this opportunity to thank you all for the many kind gifts which the Rocket team received. It really was very generous of you and very much appreciated.

Here's an outline of what we will be learning about this half term...

Timetable

Monday

*P.E kits in school **for the week** (not Nursery).

Tuesday

Wednesday

*Swimming for Reception-Y2.

*Forest School for Nursery.

*Phonetically matched reading book goes home.

Thursday

PE will **usually** be held on this afternoon.

Friday

*Phonetically matched reading book is returned to school.

*Mrs Cornforth and Mrs Harris take the class for the afternoon, covering Art and Music.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have signed up to support our swimming lessons.

Our golden thread this half term is

'Being lifelong readers.'

Reading has a very high priority across our Federation, and it is a focus every term, but this half term we are planning some enrichment activities to really embed this golden thread and continue to promote a love of reading.

Please remember to record ALL learning done at home as we check Reading Records every Friday and every child who has shared a minimum of four books adds a star to their galaxy.

Some areas we will cover this half term...

- Maths: Addition and subtraction.
- English: We will be looking closely at 'The Rainbow Fish.'
- PSED: Belonging to a community.
- Science: Uses of materials.
- PE: To be confirmed.
- Art: Tints and tones.
- History: How have holidays changed?
- Geography: Weather.
- RE: Mrs Pawson (our RE Lead) is planning a whole school trip to a mosque in Leeds to deepen our previous learning on Islam. This is provisionally planned for later this month so please look out for more information arriving by email shortly.

Need to contact us...

admin@ for any general enquiries 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 reminded to use Numbots **four times per week for approximately 10 minutes.**

Reception children are encouraged to practise their Phonics at home- **looking closely at the gaps from last half term.**

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.

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.