

# Rocket Class - Autumn 2024

## Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely holiday and are ready for the exciting year ahead. An extra special "welcome" to our new Nursery and Reception children! We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and seeing you learn and develop in the months ahead! Just like rockets, we are going to "blast off" with lots of exciting topics and experiences....

## Timetable

### **Monday**

\*P.E kits in school for the week. **(Book bags and water bottles must be brought every day).**

### **Tuesday**

### **Wednesday**

\*Mrs Clegg teaches in the morning and Mrs Cornforth in the afternoon in her role as a HLTA.

\*Forest School in the afternoon for **Nursery and Reception only** – old clothes, waterproofs and wellies (ideally wellies should be kept at school for use at playtime and lunchtime)

\*Phonetically matched reading book goes home.

### **Thursday**

### **Friday**

\*Mrs Cornforth teaches Friday mornings in her HLTA role. Mrs Clegg teaches in the afternoon.

\*Phonetically matched reading book is returned to school.

\*PE in the afternoon- please send both indoor and outdoor kit, hair tied back and remove earrings.

## 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.

To further develop our speaking and listening skills we will provide a range of opportunities, including: drama, responding to stories with opinions, sharing news from home etc.

### **Some areas we will cover this term...**

- Maths: Counting and ordering numbers.
- English: Starting school.
- PSED: Families and friendships.
- Science: Every day materials.
- PE: Agility, balance and coordination.
- Art: Observational drawing.
- Computing: Online safety and effective searching.
- Geography: Beside the seaside.
- History: Transport.
- DT: Mechanisms.

## 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. **Reception parents** should attend the meeting on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm** to find out how we teach reading.

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

More information about reading for pleasure will be shared in a meeting later this term.

Further information regarding Maths homework for Year One to follow.

## 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.

Newsletters are sent each half term.