

# COMET - Asteroid Class - Summer 1 2024

## Welcome back!

Firstly, a huge well done to all the Y3 children who did so well on their first residential at Bewerley Park. We were so proud of how grown-up you all were, stepping out of your comfort zone to try all sorts of new experiences! Here's to lots more fun and exciting learning as we move into the Summer Term – we are all raring to go and just need a bit of sunshine now to help us on our way!

## Timetable

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

**Monday** – Computing followed by Library and French

**Tuesday** – Science

**Wednesday** – Geography

**Thursday** – Re and Art

**Friday** – PE and Music

\* PE kit should be kept in school all week as sometimes they are needed on days other than Friday.

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:

### *Embracing the Wider World*

We want our children to understand and appreciate diversity in the multi-cultural Britain in which we live, beyond West Tanfield, North Yorkshire and thinking more globally.

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

- Maths: Division and Fractions
- English: The Gardener by Sarah Stewart
- PSHE: Physical health and mental wellbeing
- History: Invaders and settlers - Who we are
- Geography: Can a volcano also be an island? The Galapagos
- Design Technology: Structures – Bridges
- Art: Landscape Art and the Natural World
- PE: Run, Jump, Throw, Athletics
- RE: Why are festivals important to religious communities?
- Music: World Unite
- French: Family, ask and answer questions
- Computing: Coding
- Science: Plants

## 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/Seesaw/X (formerly Twitter). 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. The [White Rose 1 Minute Maths app](#) is also a great free resource.

## Communication

### Need to contact us...

[admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:senco@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk) for Miss Mandelson

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[kmarlow@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:kmarlow@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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.