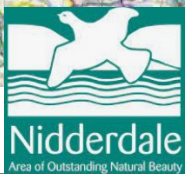
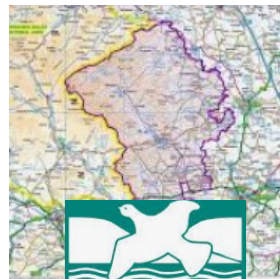


Asteroid Class Autumn, 2022

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic summer. We are excited to welcome the children back to school for an Autumn full of lovely learning. This term we are delighted to welcome Miss Marlow to school. She will be teaching in Class all day on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Sharpley will be in Class from Wednesday—Friday together with Mrs Harris on Wednesday afternoons.



Timetable

The children will follow a similar pattern of learning every morning with an early bird task, collective worship, whole class guided reading, English and Maths. P.E kits are to be in school **for the whole week**. Afternoon subjects and assessment days will be as follows:

Monday—spelling test

Library/French/ICT

Tuesday

P.E is on a Tuesday this half term.

There are ad hoc sporting opportunities on other days. So please keep kit in school

RE

Wednesday– times tables test

Music

Swimming

Thursday

Science / Geography or History / Art or DT

Friday

Science/ Geography or History / Art or DT



Our 'Golden Thread' for Autumn 1 is

'Confident Communicators'

Our overarching theme for this year is the way that we humans have used our inventiveness to shape and change our lives; we will understand how people moved from life in villages like ours to very different lives in cities like Leeds and Bradford. In Geography we will be learning what it is that is special about living in a village on the edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty? ...and we'll be wondering why, when it's so beautiful, why do local people still often leave here when they grow up?

In History, we will be learning about the Industrial Revolution and how the amazing inventions of the last 150 years—such as the steam engine— changed people's lives and in Science, we will be learning about one of these inventions—electrical circuits. In DT we will use our knowledge of electrical circuits to invent our own gadgets.

In Art, we will develop our skills through the theme of architecture and the incredible man-made environments of our towns and cities. In RE we are continuing with our cross-federation approach to 'Understanding Christianity' and, in English, we will be inspired to write in detail through narratives about the power of nature over the power of industry as well as a non-fiction focus on inventors, inventions and explanations.

Need to contact us...

admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk for any general enquiries, absences, or any out of school hours correspondence (8am – 6pm).

Spellings will be handed out on a Monday (from 10th) and tested on a Monday the following week.

Other Homework Expectations

Children are expected to learn and practise their **times tables**. The goal is to know all tables up to x12 and eventually be able to respond with correct multiplication/division facts in 2-3 seconds. Children will be tested on their times tables every Wednesday morning.

Reading

Children should read EVERY day and record their reading in their planner

Water bottles

Please make sure the children have their water bottle in school every day

Swimming kit

Please make sure the children have their swimwear and a towel in school.

Snack (no nuts please)

The children may bring a healthy snack for break

Communication

An updates email is sent from the school office each week 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 where up-to-date articles are added for parents. This can be accessed by scrolling down the page. The latest articles will always appear at the top.

You can also check our school twitter page to see what the children are up to.