



WELCOME TO THE ROCKETS – YOUR FIRST YEAR AT THURLSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Welcome to The Rockets!

We are thrilled to embark on this exciting educational journey with you and your children! This year promises to be a vibrant and dynamic experience as your little ones take their first steps into formal education.

Our dedicated team is committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where your child can explore, learn, and grow at their own pace. We believe in the power of play-based learning and aim to inspire curiosity and creativity in every classroom activity. Throughout the year, we will keep you informed and engaged through regular updates, ensuring that you feel a part of your child's educational journey. Together, let's ignite a love for learning and set the stage for a successful and joyful school experience. Welcome aboard The Rockets!

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WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD BE LEARNING?

Foundation Stage 2, or Reception, is an exciting year for 4 to 5 year-olds. It focuses on developing essential skills through play and hands-on activities. Your children will explore Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. Our teachers support their growth in language, maths, social skills, and coordination, fostering curiosity and confidence. This stage prepares children for a smooth transition to Key Stage 1. We hope you will join in your child's learning by supporting skill development at home.

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WHAT IS A DAY IN THE ROCKETS LIKE?

We learn both indoors and outdoors every day, which means we need appropriate clothing for the seasons. In winter, warm coats, gloves, and hats are essential, while in summer, sun hats and sunscreen are a must. We also need our wellies for those muddy adventures in the digging area! To maximize our learning, we require plenty of energy, so we can enjoy a piece of fruit during snack time in the classroom. We also drink our milk (if available) during this time!

To maintain our health, we can drink water throughout the day from our personal water bottles. Remember, our water bottles go home each day for a good wash!

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WHAT DO WE DO IN THE MORNING?

At ten to nine our teacher opens our classroom door to let us in. We put our coat and belongings on our own peg in our cloakroom.

- We sit on the carpet to take the register and choose what we would like for dinner.

Afterwards, we do our phonics, where we learn about letters and sounds and start to learn to read and spell words!

It is amazing how quickly we learn to read once we start our phonics learning in school! We practise our writing at this time too.

For the rest of the morning we learn with our friends and teachers in our classroom provision or in our outdoor learning area. We call this, 'Learning with Friends' time. We love this special time.

When it is morning playtime, we play outside in the playground with some of the other children in school. All of the children at our school are very friendly!

- ★ After playtime, we sit on our carpet with our teacher and have lots of fun learning about numbers, before we continue 'Learning with Friends' in our classroom provision or outdoor area.

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WHAT DO WE DO AT LUNCHTIME?

After a bustling morning, lunchtime has finally arrived. We enjoy our meal in the hall alongside our teachers, and afterward, we have a great time playing in the playground with the other children from the school. Our Buddies are there to help and play with us. Our school meals are really nice, but we can bring a packed lunch if we want one instead.

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WHAT DO WE DO IN THE AFTERNOON?

After lunch, we come back to class where we sit on the carpet and take the register again for our afternoon session. Afterwards, we do some more learning on the carpet with our teacher. We learn about lots of exciting and interesting things and lots of different subjects. Our teachers love to make our learning lots of fun!

We spend the rest of the afternoon 'Learning with Friends'. Sometimes we take turns doing activities with our teacher in pairs or groups.

While we take a break for an afternoon snack, we have our special, 'Story, Rhyme and Listening' time. We love this calm part of the day. On some days we change into our P.E. kit to do some P.E. activities. We sometimes have assemblies in the hall with the rest of the school.

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HOME TIME!

At half past three, after story time, the person who is taking us home will pick us up from our classroom door.

This is the best time for our mums, dads and carers to come into the classroom to see what we've been doing or to talk to our teachers.

OUR BUDDIES

Our Buddies are Year 6 children who help to look after us and play with us when we start at Thurlstone Primary School.

Every new 'Rocket' will have their own friendly Buddy!

Our Buddies will come to meet us when we come to visit our new school. They are super-friendly and love looking after new children at our school!

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OUR LOVELY TEACHERS



**MRS WIBBERLEY IS YOUR
TEACHER ON MONDAY
AND TUESDAY.**



**MRS CLAYTON IS YOUR
TEACHER ON
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY.**



**THIS IS MS DOWNEY IS YOUR
TEACHING ASSISTANT AND
SHE IS WITH YOU EVERY DAY.**

All of the grown ups in our school are here to look after and keep you safe, so don't worry if you need any help with anything-that's what we are here for!

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