

# SES Rocket class Curriculum Letter

## Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to the new academic year and to Rocket class! We are looking forward to working with you to support your child with their learning journey. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to speak with us.

Best wishes,  
The Rocket class team

Rocket class adults - Ellie Daft, Christina Ikonomidis, Massah Rogers

Rocket class focuses on a child-led, play-based approach to learning. We aim to provide a space for the children to follow their interests whilst working on their own personal targets. Each term we will have a book focus and topic focus, on which our learning will be based.

### Topic

This term our topic focus is 'All about me'. We will be practising how to introduce ourselves, talking about our families, and looking at some of our favourite things, just to give you an idea! It would be really helpful if you could provide us with photographs of your child's key family members for the children to use and look at at school.

### Book focus:

This term our book focus is 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. With our book focus we will be reading it as a sensory story, which will help us to really get involved with the story. We will get to feel the swishy, swashy grass, squelch in the mud and splash the water! Perhaps you could find this book at the library to read at home with your child. Can they talk about any of the pages in the book?

### Maths, music and rhyme time:

Nursery rhymes and songs are a great way to learn phonics and reading skills as well as maths skills. We will be doing lots of this in Rocket class. Look out for nursery rhymes that we send home for you to do together with your child.

### P.E.

The children will receive their PE SESSION with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network on **Mondays**. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on this day. This includes a their school jumper, white T-shirt, black or grey joggers or shorts and trainers.

### Speech and language

**Speech, language and communication plays a large role in everything we do in Rocket class. To support this** we will be following a **Core Word Programme**, which aims to provide children with the key words needed for everyday communication. Each week, we will focus on a different core word, learning how to use it in speech, as well as exploring the corresponding **Makaton sign** and **visual symbol** to support understanding and communication. Please look out for the weekly core word displayed on our classroom door. We encourage you to practise using these words at home with your child throughout the week, helping them to use their communication in lots of different settings. Please ensure your child's homework scrapbook comes into school every Friday, as we will be adding these to their book also. **These will be handed out by the end of next week.**

| Key Dates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Rocket class</b><br>8:50 - 9:05 - Soft start and welcome<br>9:05 - 9:20 - Morning group<br>9:20 - 10- Choosing time/sensory circuit<br>10 - 10:20- Sensory story<br>10:20 - 11:15 Small groups and choosing time<br>11:30 - 12:30 LUNCH<br>12:30 - 2 - Small groups/choosing time<br>2 - Snack<br>2: - 3 - Small groups/choosing<br>3pm - Story time and ready for home | WB 07.09 - Meet the teacher meetings - please arrange with Miss Ellie<br>18.09 - Yr EY - parents coffee afternoon for introduction to Reading together -2.45pm<br>25.09 - SEND parents coffee morning -9am<br>- Yr 1/2 -parents coffee afternoon for introduction to Reading together -2.45pm<br>30.09 - Individual photos<br>19.10 and 21.10 - Parents evenings<br>23.10 - The Big Draw<br>HALF TERM 26 <sup>th</sup> October-30 <sup>th</sup> October |