



## **Year 1 & Year 2, Falcon Class**

### **Spring Term 2021**

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas, I can't wait to hear all about it!

This term our main topics are 'Our Wonderful World' and 'Inventors and Inventions'. We will be linking our learning to this topic across some of the subjects.

Literacy – In Literacy, we will be focusing on traditional tales. We will be looking at stories such as 'Little red riding hood', 'Goldilocks and the three bears' and 'The three little pigs'. We will learn about different sentence types and how to use them effectively. A major focus this term is to ensure we show consistency with our punctuation and build independence in this area. We will look at simple sentence structure and will use our reading skills to support our learning.

Reading - Children will continue to earn merit points for reading at home. Five reads = one merit! We will continue to ask you to read the same story twice with your children. This is vital in improving their fluency when reading which in turn aids their understanding. Please sign your child's reading record every time they read. Please detail if they have read only a few pages of the book or the whole story each time to provide us with clarity for book changing. Reading comprehension will also be set every Friday as homework. It is so important that children read aloud to an adult regularly but also that they discuss their reading. Asking your children to describe a character to you, retell the events of the story or predicting what might happen next can all deepen their understanding of the book.

We will be having daily reading lessons in school. These will focus on comprehension and inference activities and book discussion. This term, we will be reading George's Marvellous Medicine in Year 2 and The Pencil in Year 1. We will be focussing on what parts of the text can help us to predict what may happen next. The children will look to improve their vocabulary by discovering new words and questioning what they mean.

Maths – In Maths this term, Falcon class will be focusing on fractions. We will begin looking at finding half of shapes, objects and quantities. We will move on to find quarters, with the Year 2 children looking at three quarters and a third. We will look at fractions using visual representations before using more concrete apparatus to support us. We will then begin to link this to our knowledge of multiplication and division to help us find fractions of quantities.

We will then begin to look at shapes, we will be looking at both 2-D and 3-D shapes and their properties. After this we will begin to look at statistics and how data can be recorded and interpreted.

We will also be continuing with weekly mental maths assessments and times table tests on Fridays and providing the children opportunities to use online platforms such as TT Rockstars and NumBots. Please continue to support your children to reinforce the skills they have learnt in relation to time and money.

Science – In Science, we will be looking at Everyday Materials. The children will be discovering the difference between an object and the material it is made from. We will then look at the properties of these materials and what makes them suitable for purpose. We will carry out lots of practical experiments to test which materials possess different properties.

PE – Our PE sessions will be on a Monday morning and Wednesday Morning. We will be practicing our skills in Real PE, we will be developing agility, co-ordination and balance skills. This will work alongside our Ball skills sessions where we will further develop these skills.

RE- Our focus for our RE lessons for the first half term will be to continue our learning all about the Muslim faith and understanding this way of living. We will then look at how the Muslim faith is similar and different to Christianity. We will then be looking at the Easter story and discovering why Easter matters in the second half term.

PSHE- This term we will be thinking about ‘working together’ thinking about teamwork skills and developing social skills. The children will be able to understand the positives of working together. We will then be thinking about social classifications and financial compatibility.

Art – In our Art sessions we will focusing on birds, we will be using birds from all over the world as our inspiration. We will be focusing on our drawing skills using different styles and learning different techniques.

Computing- We are going to become photographers in our computing sessions this term. We will be thinking about taking photos of our surroundings. We will then sort these and begin to look at photo editing to enhance and change images. We will then group these images into different categories.

Geography- In this unit of work ‘Our Wonderful World’ we will be thinking about the seven continents and five oceans of the world. We will then begin to think about hot and cold places in relation to the equator.

History – In our History sessions, we will focus on Inventors and Inventions. We will look at inventors such as Isambard Kingdom Brunel and look at different key inventions from

Victorian times. We will look at important inventions that we will still use to this day and look at the significance of these inventions at the time they were invented.

Design and Technology – During our DT sessions we be focusing on sliders and levers and will begin to design a project that contains one of these. We will develop our planning skills to ensure that we are completely prepared before creating our product. We will finally evaluate our project with positives and areas for improvement.

Spellings - Each child will have weekly spelling lists to learn. They will also be able to access these spellings to practice using Spelling Frame online. Please help your child by learning these spellings and looking at other words with the same letter patterns. Spellings will be tested on Fridays. The children will get merits for getting them all correct or for showing big improvements.

Homework – This term we will start providing the children with homework. This will largely be in areas that will have been impacted during our first lockdown or areas we have noticed require repetition to keep the knowledge fresh for the children. The children will be set a piece of Maths, Reading or Spelling/Grammar homework weekly this can be supported by an adult. All homework is set on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Thursday. In addition to this, children will be tested weekly on quick recall of times tables facts and spellings. Please support us by helping your child to practise these at home. Please continue to support your children’s learning online using Reading Eggs, NumBots and TT Rockstars

Thank you for all of your hard work and support.

Mr Forsyth

Class Teacher