



Year 1 & Year 2, Falcon Class

Summer Term 2021

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter and had a well-deserved rest!

This term our main topics are Journeys and The History of Food. We will be linking our learning to this topic across some of the subjects.

Literacy – In Literacy, we will be focusing on contemporary writing. We will be focusing on the story of 'Journey' a wordless book. We will learn about different word classes 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. We will then look at writing instructions and begin to follow these instructions.

Reading - Children will continue to earn merit points for reading at home. Five reads = 1 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 no matter what it is that they are reading. 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 'The Great Chocoplot' in Year 2 and Toby and the Great Fire of London 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 multiplication and division and measure. We will begin recapping doubling and using methods to support multiplication such as arrays. We will move on to work on division with halving and using arrays to share. We will use visual representations before using more concrete apparatus to support us. We will then begin to use our recall for our known times tables.

We will then begin to look at measure, we will be looking at measuring capacity using litres and millilitres and non-standard units. 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 a Friday 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 plants. The children will be looking at the parts of a plant along with the life cycle of a plant. We will look at what plants need to grow and carry out investigations to see the impact of going without these.

PE – Our PE sessions will be on a Monday morning and a Wednesday Morning. We will be developing agility, co-ordination and balance skills as well as working on our fitness this term. This will work alongside our dancing as we prepare our dances for May Day.

RE- Our focus for our RE for the first half term will be on Christianity. We will be thinking about the question ‘What is the good news that Jesus brings?’ We will then look at bible stories to help us as we discover and understand different symbols and what they represent.

PSHE- This term we will be thinking about ‘managing risks’ thinking about how to keep safe and who we should talk to. The children will then look at healthy lifestyles thinking about how we can live a healthy lifestyle and what the benefits are.

Art – In our Art sessions we will be continuing our work 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. We will then look at food art and using collage, watercolour and drawings.

Computing- We are going to become detectives by looking at how to find information and how to know which is relevant. We will then use this research to share our information. We will think about safe search engines and how we know who and what we can trust.

Geography- In this unit of work ‘Journeys’ we will be thinking using directional language, the human and physical features of different places and using UK maps.

History – In our History sessions, we will focus on the History of Food. We will look at how food has changed over time. We will think about the foods our parents enjoy and how they can differ from ourselves. We will also think about how school dinners look now compared to how they looked in the past.

Design and Technology – During our DT sessions we be focusing on freestanding structures. We will narrow this focus to rockets and boats. The children will be able to plan, create and review their own freestanding structure.

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 lockdowns 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 as necessary. 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 DB Primary, Reading Eggs, NumBots and TT Rockstars.

Thank you for all your support.

Mr Forsyth