



Year 1 & Year 2, Falcon Class

Autumn Term 2020

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

This Autumn term our main topics are Our Local Area and the Gunpowder Plot and we will be linking our learning to this topic across some of the subjects.

Literacy – In Literacy, we will learning ways to make our writing effective. We will be looking at stories such as 'The Queen's Nose' as we focus on adventure stories. We will then work on our persuasive writing as we write a letter. The Children will be focusing on using adjectives and verbs in their writing and will be focusing on handwriting skills, with the year one children looking at beginning to join letters.

Reading - Children will continue to earn merit points for reading at home. Five reads = 1 merit! 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 child 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 Stuart Little in Year 2 and Alan's Big Scary Teeth 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 number and place value using tens and ones. We will be reading and using numbers within 100 with the Year Two children beginning to focus on three-digit numbers.

Year One and Two will also be looking at the addition and subtraction operations and different methods to help us find an answer. We will then use these methods to tackle problem solving activities.

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.

Science – In Science, our Year 2's will begin studying living things and their habitats, learning the differences between dead, alive and never lived. We will look at how habitats are suited to certain animals and plants. Both our Year 1's and Year 2's will then move on to focus on animals. We will be identifying, grouping and classifying common animals, carnivores,

omnivores and herbivores. The children will then begin to understand human and animal life cycles and why exercise, food and hygiene are important.

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 Gymnastics sessions where we will further develop these skills.

RE- Our focus for our RE for the first half term will be to learn 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 significance of Christmas and how this is celebrated.

PSHE- This term we will be thinking about 'Rights, Rules and Responsibilities' thinking about adults in school who look after them and describe their responsibilities. The children will be able to state classroom ground rules and explain how they have been made, understand why we have classroom rules and describe what the classroom would be like without them and be able to explain what is meant by voting and be able to name some people who make decisions at school.

After half term we will be looking at 'My Emotions' and thinking about how we feel and how to recognise these emotions in others. We will also look at 'Anti-Bullying' and explore and apply definitions of bullying to different situations and contexts and consider the feelings and emotions related to bullying – both long and short term.

Art – In our Art sessions we will be focusing on Landscapes and Cityscapes using our topic of our local area as inspiration. We will be focusing on our painting skills using different styles and learning different brush strokes.

Computing- We are going to become astronauts in our computing lessons! The children will be learning all about algorithms, learn how to create and debug simple programs and be able to predict the behaviour of simple programs. We will be trying to move a spaceship through space using our own algorithms and working hard to ensure it is a smooth journey.

Geography- In this unit of work 'Our Local Area' will be our focus, we will be looking at the significant features of the local area, what features are common in a village or town, land use around school and the characteristics of the four countries that make up the UK and their capital cities.

History – In our History sessions we will focus on the Gunpowder Plot. We will look at what a monarchy is, how James I became king, what a parliament is, who Robert Catesby was, who the Tresham Family were, the impact of the Gunpowder Plot and we will be discussing whether Guy Fawkes was to blame.

Design and Technology – During our DT sessions we be focusing on Food Technology using the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes and begin to understand where food comes from.

Spellings - Each child will have a weekly spelling list 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.

Homework – Children will be set a piece of 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 Reading Eggs, NumBots and TT Rockstars. Please let me know if you need reminding of any user log-in details.

Thank you for all of your hard work and support.

Mr Forsyth

Class Teacher