



Falcons Class Curriculum Letter – Summer Term 2017

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Welcome to the start of Summer term 2017; we hope you had an enjoyable holiday. These are a few key points that I think you may need to know:

- Y5/6 Children can bring their own pencil case in to Falcon class. They are encouraged to take responsibility for their own belongings as part of their preparation for secondary school.
- We try hard to maintain good communication with parents through Home-School books, e-mail contact and using the school noticeboard. Please try to ensure that forms are read and returned promptly so that we can continue to offer a wide range of experiences to the children
- PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons but we would like children to have their PE kit in school every day. We do ask for white t-shirts and blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms.
- My door is always open if you have any concerns or need to speak to me about anything. A meeting can be arranged if matters need to be discussed further.

Literacy

Over the term, we will look at a variety of texts and genres, including poetry and instructions, persuasive adverts and play scripts. Children will also undertake daily reading sessions as well as participate in a weekly guided reading session with myself.

Maths

A wide variety of maths topics will be covered throughout the term. Children will become more secure in their understanding of number and place value, which is central to developing good calculation skills. They will then be developing both mental and formal written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide and learning increasingly efficient methods as they become more secure with the concepts.

A strong emphasis is placed on mental maths. All children are encouraged to practise their times tables and their maths passports at home and will have regular tests to acknowledge their progress. Once secure, they will continue to improve their speed and fluency.

R.E.

In RE we will be looking at the Islamic faith and their beliefs in life after death.

Topic

We will be following the International Primary Curriculum unit on the theme of Photography, 'A photograph is worth 1000 words', in term 5 and a local history topic 'We are Monkton Farleigh', in term 6. Through these topics we will be covering geography, history and art skills. We are also planning a performance towards the end of term 6, which will encompass our learning about Monkton Farleigh.

Science

Our science over the two terms link with living things, plants and Humans. The year 6 children will also cover the topic of inheritance and aspects of evolution.

P.E./Games

Children will be developing skills in games and dance.

The dance lessons, which will be on Tuesday afternoons will be to develop their co-ordination and generate their own wake and shake routines.

Mr Dawley from GoActive will be taking the children for Games every Thursday.

These sessions will take place outside so please ensure that your child has suitable kit in school this day, including trainers. Outdoor PE takes places whenever possible, so they may get muddy!

PSHE

Topics for this term will include 'Relationships' and 'Changing me' in preparation for moving year groups and schools for our Year Sixes.

French

The focus will continue to be on speaking and listening skills this term and children will be asking and answering more complex questions.

Homework/Reading at home

Following the success of last term's homework, we are using a similar format this term. Ideas for homework are provided at the beginning of term and are designed for children to explore in depth and to follow their own areas of interest. If children would like to invent their own homework, they are welcome to! At least 2 pieces of homework are expected for each term, which children will bring into school to share. Spelling homework this term will follow spelling rules which will be taught in school during the week.

In addition to set homework children are expected to read at least three times a week at home (which should be recorded in the home-school book). Where possible, it is also beneficial for them to read with an adult, as more challenging books can be approached in this way.

Children should also be regularly practising their mental maths skills using the passport system which should be signed off by an adult when they are confident with each skill. They also have the opportunity to use athletics and to earn certificates for participation.

Year 6s may be given additional maths and grammar homework in order to prepare them for secondary school.