

Falcons Class – Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back to school!

I hope you had a restful break and you are now ready for the exciting term ahead.

This newsletter will give you and your parents key information about our class and what is expected of you over the academic year.

Organisation

I will be supported in class by Mrs Fox and Mrs Ward at different times through the week. Mrs Jameson will teach science on Monday afternoons when we are not swimming (up until October half-term, and for the whole of the Summer term). Mrs Bamford will teach on Thursday afternoons. My time out of class includes planning, preparation and assessment and time to complete my duties as school SENCo.

Learning

This term we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. If you have anything related to our topic you would like to bring in and share, please do so. We will link some of our literacy to our topic this term and other units will stand alone. Lots of grammar, punctuation and spelling are woven into each unit. In maths we will focus on place value, calculation, problem solving and fractions. Mrs Bamford will focus on shape, space and measures in her sessions on a Thursday afternoon.



PE

Please make sure full PE kits are in school at all times. Our lessons will usually be on a Monday and a Thursday, but this is subject to change. Children will need shorts for gymnastics and also tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outside activities when the weather gets colder. Later in the year the children will need football boots. I will let you know when these will be required.



Swimming starts after half-term and children will need their swimming kits on Mondays from then.

HOMWORK

This term our focus will be reading, spelling and number work.

Tasks set will include:

Reading: I expect you to read at home at least 4 times per week. **(Most children do read a lot more than that though!)** You can read to yourself and to your parents or another adult. They can ask you questions as you read to ensure that you understand what you are reading and help you to think about the book in more detail. You **MUST** record your reading in your reading record. If there is no evidence of reading in your reading record I will assume you are not reading and you will have to spend your Golden Time reading instead!



Each week I will select 3 STAR READERS who have wowed me with their reading records. Each star reader will sit on a special star cushion for the week that they are STAR READER!

Spellings - These will be sent home on a Monday ready for testing the following Monday. Spelling homework will involve using your SPELLING JOURNAL to help you learn your spellings. I have given you some ideas about how to practise your spellings - I am sure you will be creative and imaginative and think of lots more!

Tables and Number Facts - These are SO important. This term we will be really focussing on learning tables and number facts. It is up to you to practise these as much as you can. Five minutes every day will make a difference! Times Tables Rock Stars and Active Learn Primary are online resources to support our learning. Numeracy quizzes will also be set to practise at home.

Science- Mrs Jameson may set science tasks from time to time depending on the science topic.

EQUIPMENT: Remember to make sure you have all the equipment you need in your pencil case and that it is named. You will also need a water bottle in school.

Remember, if you have any questions or worries about anything please ask as soon as possible! I can only help if I know there is a problem. As Juniors you need to be more responsible for your own equipment, kit and homework. I know your parents will help you, but ultimately you are responsible for ensuring you always have what you need!