

Year 6 – Hawk and Falcon Class

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your family had a relaxing summer break and are ready for the new school term. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and working together with you to ensure that the children are happy and succeed in their learning.

This newsletter aims to inform you of the learning and routines of Hawk and Falcon Class so that you are able to help your child settle into Year 6. If you have any questions, please do feel free to come and ask!

Independent Reading



It is vital that children continue to develop their reading skills this year and we ask children to read at home for at least 15 minutes each day. Children may read books of their choice from home, school or the library. All children have been issued with a new reading record which should be brought to school each day. Please do ask questions to your child when you listen to them read using the reading comprehension bookmark from last year to help where necessary.

Reading records should be kept up to date by the children and we ask that parents sign the reading record each week to confirm that their child has completed their daily independent reading. We will check reading records each week and provide opportunities for pupils who have not completed their

reading at home to do so during lunchtime.

Home Learning

Children will be set home learning tasks every Thursday. They will bring home the task instruction sheet along with their home learning books and have until the following Monday to complete the tasks and return their book to school.

We want to support the children to succeed in their learning and therefore we may sometimes set test-style questions to consolidate the children's learning as well as to give them the opportunity to practise test-style questions at home. We encourage you to support your child with this where necessary.

If you wish to make any comment in the book, please feel free to do so. Children who have not completed homework will be asked to do so in Homework Club on Monday lunchtime.

Spelling home learning

In addition to the weekly home learning task, children will be given 'Words to Learn' spellings each week. This will be stuck in your child's yellow spelling book in which the children will be using their spelling words in sentences as they are encouraged to learn the words in context.

Additionally we will be testing the children on the Year 5/6 End of Year spelling expectation words on a fortnightly basis. A new copy of the sheet will also be stuck in the yellow spelling

book. Please look at the weekly homework overview to see which list your child is practising that week.

Times tables learning

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables. It is important for your child to practise their times tables regularly to support the different areas of Maths learning in school.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle to keep in the classroom in addition to their lunchtime drink.



Fruit

Please provide a fresh fruit or vegetable snack for break time as school does not provide this to pupils in Key Stage 2.



P.E.

The class will have P.E. on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Children are expected to have full P.E. kit in order to participate. Earrings should be removed.

Autumn Term Learning

Our topic themes for this term are:

The Tudors

Why did Henry VIII have so many wives?

- Literacy: Stories by significant authors (Shakespeare – Macbeth), fiction and poetry (linked to topic)
- Science: the travel of light
- Geography: Study of a country linked to whole school International Week
- Art: Tudor portraits
- Music: Greensleaves
- R.E. – How is God three in one?
- PSHE – New beginnings

The Victorians

How has life in Britain changed since the Victorian times?

- Literacy: Explanation linked to Victorian inventions, Choral and performance poetry: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
- History – Daily Life in Victorian times – rich v. poor, education, inventions, Christmas celebrations
- Science- Electricity (explore variation in components in circuits.)
- R.E. – Who did Jesus say 'I AM'? What do the gospels say about the birth of Jesus?
- PSHE – Getting on and falling out

Our Maths work this term will be covering:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- Ratio and Proportion
- Algebra
- Measurement
- Properties of shapes
- Position and direction
- Statistics

Children will also have a 30 minute Spanish lesson each week, taught by a specialist language teacher.

Trips and Visits

We are in the process of organising trips for the Autumn Term linked to the Tudors. Further information will follow in due course. We are looking forward to a Victorian themed day in Autumn 2. We will also be providing details about the residential trip to Sayers Croft in the summer term.

Parent Helpers

We welcome offers of help from parents who are willing to hear children read, test times tables, prepare resources and suchlike. If you are interested, please come and discuss your availability with us.

We hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. You are always welcome to contact us to discuss any concerns that you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Haurdhan
(Falcon class)**

**Mr Angus
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