



Dear Parents,

Class Information – January 2022

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newest member of Falcons Class! I am so excited to be beginning the new year as your children's class teacher and am looking forward to getting to know everyone! I will be teaching Falcons Monday – Thursday with Mrs Fairhurst teaching on a Friday. We will continue to be supported on Monday-Thursday mornings by Mrs Bostock and Monday-Friday mornings by Mrs Edmunds. We are also lucky to have Mrs Edmunds working with us on a Tuesday afternoon. We have already been working hard as a team to ensure a smooth transition for your children and to continue to build upon the fun and productive learning environment Falcon class have already established during the first term. That said, a new year brings with it some changes which I have explained below. If you have any questions at all please do come and speak to one of us we are always willing to help and in particular look forward to meeting all of you over the course of the term.

Our Learning:

This term Falcons class will be exploring a new and exciting way to learn, holding focus weeks for Geography, Science and RE. The areas we will be exploring include: comparison studies of the UK and a European country; investigating forces and the scientists who discovered them; and considering what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. In addition, we will also be learning many other skills in PE, Computing, Music, Italian and PSHE during our usual weekly lessons. We will continue to block out our Art and DT projects with two focus days at the end of term.

Reading Records:

We ask that the children read at home for a minimum of 20 minutes 5 times a week and record four entries into their reading journals. In addition, there will be one reading task to complete each week. As the children have been so successful doing this over the last term, journals will now be handed in only once per week on a Tuesday.

Spellings:

As a whole school we are making some changes to the way we teach spelling. We will have short spellings lessons daily rather than one formal lesson/week. We will still be telling you what we are learning in spelling, and it would be wonderful if you could find time to practise with your child (a list of strategies useful when practicing spellings will be included in children's homework book), however, we will no longer be doing a weekly spelling test as it can put undue pressure on children without actually improving their learning.



Maths Homework:

In addition to reading expectations and spelling practice children will continue to receive maths and occasional homework linked to other subjects to reinforce their learning. Homework will continue to be set on a Tuesday and is due back the following Monday.

Presentation:

This term, as a whole school we are focusing on perfect presentation. Each week a piece of children's work which demonstrates perfect presentation will be chosen and displayed for everyone to celebrate! As part of this focus we will be focusing on our handwriting skills in class daily in everything we do.

PE:

On a Wednesday all children will have outdoor PE with Mrs Rae and on a Friday they will have indoor PE with Mrs Fairhurst. For this they need to come to school already changed. Please adhere to the school PE uniform for both lessons.

Attendance:

We recognise that at the moment there may be times when your child cannot attend school but where possible it is important that your child attends regularly. Our target is 95% because it has been proven that children who attend less than this can suffer damage to their education. 95% attendance is still the equivalent of 2 weeks missed learning over the year. Children who attend fewer than 90% of sessions can find this having a serious impact on their learning, this is equivalent of 4 weeks missed learning, or 100 missed lessons over the year.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to working in partnership with you all to promote your child's happiness and support their education and learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stephanie Cartwright



Falcon Class -Weekly Overview: Term 3

	8.40-8.50	8.50-9.10	9.10-10.15	10.15-10.30	10.30-10.45	11.00-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-1.15	1.15-2.15	2.15-3.15
Mon - SLC	Registration (Poetry Recital) & Early Morning Work	No Nonsense Spelling	English	Assembly	Snack and Story - 10.30-10.45 Break - 10.45-11.00	Maths	Lunch	Handwriting / TTRS - iPads/Paper-based	PSHE	Music (Brass)
Tues - SLC			English	Assembly		Maths			Curriculum Focus -Week 1-2 - Geography -Week 3-5 - Science -Week 6 - RE -Week 7 - Art	
Wed - SLC			English	Assembly		Maths			Italian	PE
Thurs - SLC			English	Assembly		Maths			Curriculum Focus -Week 1-2 - Geography -Week 3-5 - Science -Week 6 - RE -Week 7 - Art	
Fri - AF			Reading	Times Table Rockstars		Maths			PE	Computing