



Falcons Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you've all had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and recharged ready for the new term. Our new topic this term is: The Roman Empire. The curriculum map is attached for you.

Key information

Our PE lessons will be on a **Friday** although we do appreciate PE kits being available in school all week.

Falcons Class will have Forest School on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. The children will leave school in their Forest School clothes. They are welcome to leave wellies at school if they would like.

Home Spellings and Multiplications test will take place every Friday. New homework will be handed out on this day also.

Key events:

Parents evening

- Tuesday 11th February from 3.40pm
- Thursday 13th February from 5pm

Drama workshop - 6th February

Safer internet day - 11th February

Food and Farming Day - 3rd July

Homework

Children in Falcons are expected to complete the following Learning at Home on a weekly basis:

- **Home Multiplications:** at least 1 time a week
 - **Reading at home:** daily (5 minutes each time)
 - **Home Spellings:** 3 times a week (5 minutes each time)
 - Learning Log activities (optional)
- For more information please see the Parent Information Leaflet.

Values

January: Unity
February: Liberty
March: Courage
April: Patience

Pencil Cases

Children are now welcome to bring in a pencil case with some items in it from home, if they would like to. However, the pencil case must be small and fairly plain. Please ensure they only contain the following items: a pencil, a rubber, a sharpener, a ruler and some colouring pencils. Children are responsible for their own belongings. If children misuse these items, they will not be allowed them in school.

Reading

Children earn a sticker towards a reading reward every time they read three or more times per week at home. I would encourage you to help the progression of your child's reading by asking them questions about the book regularly, examples of questions can be found in your child's reading record.

Bushcraft (30th April - 1st May)

The Bushcraft Company are coming into school to deliver an assembly to all of the children, providing information about what there is and what's going to happen. This will take place on the 10th March. They will also provide an information event for parents at 3.30pm on the 16th March. Please make a note of this date in your diary.

Just to make you all aware, upcoming dates for further payments (via WisePay) are as follows: - 31st January and 28th February. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child has appropriate school PE kit and uniform. Please have a look at our website for details of the essential items for your child's uniform. **A coat should be in school every day.** PE will take place indoors for this half term so please provide clothing suitable for this.

Uniform can be purchased from: Prestige Design, 46 – 48 High Street, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1DX

Drinks and Healthy snacks

Children should have a named water bottle in school every day. Please note, children are not allowed juice or flavoured water in school (except for packed lunch).

Attendance

Last half term we had the highest attendance. It was fantastic to see so many children in the class with 100% attendance at the end of the term. It would be super if our attendance was the best in the school so do please try and book appointments outside of school hours.

Finer diners

Teachers choose a child from their class whom they feel has shone to receive the 'Star of the Week' teacher's award. The child receives a certificate in our Celebration Assembly. The child who has received the most Golden Tickets over the week is also awarded a certificate. These two children will become the finer diners for the week.

Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum map taking us up to the term.

We hope you have all the information you need about Falcons Class, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day or arrange a meeting via the office if you would rather discuss a query or concern in private. Thank you for your support.

Mr Birchall