

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome back!

We warmly welcome you all back to Year 6: the final year for your children at Falcon Junior School. We intend to make it a memorable one and aim to ensure that all children have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in a safe, caring, fun and inspiring teaching environment. We would like to set out a few expectations below to help ensure that your children are adequately informed, equipped and ready to learn!

Google Classroom – We will be using Google Classroom as a homework platform. It avoids lots of paper coming home. Also, it means if we end up in a local lockdown children will be able to switch to using that for home learning. Children will be taught how to use it in the first few weeks back. Please let us know if you are unable to access this at home.

Homework - Information about homework will be sent home once children have resettled in school. For now, we wish to focus on allowing children time to become confident learners again. However, please do encourage your child to keep reading at least 3 times a week and utilise Times Tables Rockstars for some maths work.

Medication - to the main office please. Inhalers can be kept in children's own bags at desks and any use will be recorded by staff for your information at the end of the day.

Phones - will be kept in children's bags by their desks- bring at own risk and only if necessary.

Library - will reopen in the near future and all children will be given an in-school reading book during the first week back. Please keep a record of reading at home as we aim to update all children's reading rewards as soon as possible. Please bear with us while we establish a system for us to communicate over this. Class Dojo could be the best option for year 6. Libraries are now open to access reading material at home. Audible are also still offering free books online as are Oxford Owl.

Personal possessions - please encourage children to bring as little as possible to school. Pencil cases that remain in school are allowed, as are reading books from home. Space will be limited as children will not have trays for storage. This is to minimise movement around the classrooms.

Healthy snacks - we all want to encourage safe and healthy lifestyles therefore please ensure children only bring healthy snacks for break times and a bottle of water to keep them hydrated. May we remind you that we are a nut free school.

Games and PE sessions - we ask that children come in their PE kit and remain in it all day therefore, as the weather gets colder, please ensure they are dressed appropriately. If possible, a pair of indoor shoes left in school would be helpful to avoid bringing muddy trainers into the classrooms.

Games and PE Timetable- every Monday afternoon is GAMES for the whole year group

<i>Doves PE</i>	<i>Robins PE</i>	<i>Eagles PE</i>	<i>Canaries PE</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Every Friday</i>
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PE takes place on alternating weeks for Doves, Robins and Eagles.

Curriculum Autumn 1	Children will be learning...
Topic	World War II
Literacy	Goodnight Mr Tom by Number The Stars by Lois Lowry book study as guided reading text
Numeracy	Place value; Written addition and subtraction; problems and inverse; Multiplication; Problems
Science	Animals including humans
Computing	Google Classroom E-safety, Email,
P.E.	Fitness, Gymnastics Athletics
Art and DT	Study of Paul Nash- War artist
PSHE	PATHS Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers
Spanish	Revision of numbers/colours/ directions
RE	Hinduism
Music	Charanga unit – 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams

The Year 6 Staff are:

Class	Teaching Staff	Teaching Assistants
Doves	Mrs Hunter (M, Tu, F) Mrs Harrod (W,Th)	Miss Shevlin
Robins	Mr Harrison	Mrs Eves Mr Woodcock
Eagles	Miss Williams	Miss Westrop
Canaries	Mr Smith	Mrs Tovell Miss Wilde
Maths/English teaching across year group- Mr Hall		

Sadly, our planned residential stay at Holt Hall in October has been cancelled. All deposits paid will be reimbursed.

The last day of this half term is Friday 23rd October. School reopens on Monday 2nd November.

Finally, please do make use of the Class Dojo to contact us, or call the office and leave a message if you have anything you wish to discuss so we can contact you at an appropriate time.

Thank you from the Year 6 team.