



Welcome to Falcon Junior School

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting learning journey at Falcon Junior School. The Year 3 team are looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year to ensure your child has a happy and successful start to this important stage of their education.

There are four Year 3 classes:

Year	Class	Teaching Staff	Teaching Assistants
3	Wrens	Mr Welford	Miss Beckett
3	Kingfishers	Miss Buckland	Mrs Rafiei Mrs Arnold
3	Puffins	Mrs Harmer (Mon and Tues) Mrs Margree (Wed, Thurs and Fri)	Miss Watts Miss Hindley
3	Jays	Mrs Morris (Mon, Tues) Miss Marpole (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Fox-Atkins Mrs Tilney

Our Curriculum

This will once more be an exciting year across the school. In short, we aim to provide the children with rich and meaningful learning experiences that instil a life-long love of learning. We believe that a thematic approach is the most effective way to achieve this and despite restrictions being in place we will still be providing many fun and inspiring learning activities, including, we hope, educational visits to the church and Gressenhall.

General Learning

We care deeply about supporting our children to meet their full potential. In both Maths and English lessons this year children will remain in classes but will be provided with differentiated work. Your child may also receive extra support or challenge at times in the form of intervention sessions and a big emphasis will be placed on their emotional well-being. We strongly believe that a close link between home and school can greatly impact on children's learning; we therefore invite you to be key partners in your child's education. We will do our best to keep you updated on your child's progress throughout the year and would encourage you to contact us as well if you have any questions.

P.E

PE will need to work a little differently this year and **it is vital that children come to school wearing PE kit on the days when they will have PE** to avoid them having to change. Mrs Barber, our PE teacher, has asked that you ensure that children come dressed appropriately as most lessons will be outside. This means warm clothing will be needed as winter approaches as well as trainers. Children need to wear PE kit **every Thursday** and then **every other week** on: Wrens- Tuesday and Wednesday, Puffins-Monday and Tuesday, Jays- Wednesday and Friday and Kingfishers- Monday and Tuesday. Each class will send a message on Class Dojo at the beginning of the week to remind

you which days children will need to be in PE kit as it is a little bit complicated. Furthermore, we are lucky enough to be taking part in a Premier Sports Health and Well-being programme every Wednesday this half term. This is a class-based activity and so does not require PE kit.

Children's Equipment

Children are welcome to bring their own pencil cases into class but there will be school equipment available if you would prefer. We also encourage the children to have water bottles available. Bottles should have sports lids (to avoid spillages) and be clearly named.

Home Learning

The main purpose of homework is to reinforce and deepen the learning that has taken place in school. It also teaches the children to be responsible and encourages them to be independent learners. It should **NOT** cause a child (or parent!) anxiety or stress so please come to talk to us if your child needs support with completing the tasks set.

We will be using Google Classroom as our main homework platform this year, which will avoid 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 when they have their logins during the first few weeks back.

Reading – Our school policy states that children should read at home with an adult at least 3 times a week. We will soon be setting up electronic reading records which will be checked every Monday. By reading regularly children can gain team points and in turn credits.

Spelling – There will be weekly spellings for your child to learn in preparation for a short spelling test. These will be sent home via class dojo on Mondays for Kingfishers, Tuesdays for Puffins, Jays and Wrens. Spellings can also be practised on Sumdog (logins will be set home shortly). The test will be a week later in class.

Maths – Children will be set a weekly Maths activity at the beginning of the week to complete, which will be due in on the following Monday. If Maths homework is not returned by the Tuesday, we ask the children to complete the activity during the start of Tuesday lunchtime. Children will also receive weekly times tables sheets to practise. These will be handed out on Fridays.

Home/School Communication

We hope the information we have provided in this letter will answer most of the questions you may have at this stage of the term. If you do have further questions or concerns we would love to speak to you. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions this will need to be done via e-mail, Class Dojo or by booking an appointment via the school office for the time being.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 23rd September- Virtual Parents Forum (4.00pm-4.45pm)

Finish for half term-Friday 23rd October

We look forward to working closely with you and your child this year.

The Year 3 team