



## Falcons curriculum letter



### Autumn 2

We hope that you have had a happy, restful half term break, and the children are ready for their new half term.

As we previously informed you, we will be focused on a recovery curriculum this half term, and the children will be doing an extra short maths and English session in the afternoon where they will focus on the work from the previous year (March to July). Alongside Maths and English, the children will be taught Science, PSHE, RE and PE. The remaining foundation subjects will be used as a toolkit to support the core subject teaching rather than being the main focus.

The main areas of focus are as follows:

- **Maths:** We will be focused on: Division, Fractions, Position and Direction
- **English:** We will be using excerpts from Harry Potter, watching the short animation 'The Alchemist's Letter', and examining a variety of Christmas adverts as the genres for our writing and reading. We will continue to learn rules for spelling and practise the Year 5/6 statutory spelling words. We will consolidate our understanding of a variety of clause and phrase types and use more sophisticated punctuation including colons and semi-colons.
- **Science:** Our focus is electricity. We will be considering the following questions: What is it? How does it behave? How can we show this? What is resistance? We will then use our knowledge to create a working prototype of a festive light.
- **PSHE:** Our focus is to help the children to feel they belong and are safe in school; accept that we are all different, include others, know how to help, know how to give and receive compliments.
- **RE:** We will focus on what it means for Christians to believe that God is holy and loving.
- **PE:** Yoga and Outdoor and Adventurous activities. Falcons PE days are Monday and Thursday. ***PE kits will go home on Friday to be washed and returned on Monday.***

### Homework:

- Children should read for 15-20 minutes, five times a week. They will have Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar practise from the book provided by the school. This book should **stay at home** with you and you can mark it with your child, using the help at the back of the book.
- Parents have access to the Maths with Parents site and should open activities set for the children which support learning happening in school. Children should also spend 15 minutes on Times Table Rock Stars at least three times a week.



### Snacks

In KS2 the children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for break time.

### Christmas

Although we will not be able to do our normal Christmas performances this year, the children will enjoy a range of Christmas activities during the final week of term, including Christmas dinner, Christmas film and a class party.

If you have any concerns, we are always happy to discuss matters that are important to you and your child. Please contact the school office via [admin@gbpa.org.uk](mailto:admin@gbpa.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

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