

### A Warm Welcome

Welcome back to all of Falcons Class. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for the new school year. This year we will have Mrs Stafford supporting the class as well as Miss Lee who is a trainee teacher.

The children have all settled in well and are ready to get stuck into Year 3 learning.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to speak to either myself (Miss Neal) or Mrs Stafford.

### PE Sessions

Falcons' PE sessions will be every Tuesday (Swimming) and Wednesday (Gymnastics).

Children will need to bring 2 kits to school.

Indoor kit: White t-shirt and black shorts.

Swimming kit: Swimming costume (not bikinis) or swimming trunks, towel, goggles (if you have returned the permission letter). **Please can girls with long hair have their hair tied back into a plait or a bun so that their hair does not get in their face whilst swimming.**

Children will need to have a PE kit in school for all sessions, they will bring home their PE kit at the end of every half term to be washed for the next term.

The children will begin swimming lessons at Droitwich Leisure centre. For this the children will be led through a swimming programme where they will be split into abilities and supported by trained swimming instructors.



### Homework

**Reading** – Your child needs to read a minimum of 3 times a week. This could be reading independently or sharing a book that is read to them and discussed together. It could be any other reading material that you have accessible at home too. This can be; comics, newspapers and online books as they are all great ways to encourage your child to read and listen to someone else reading aloud. Please make sure you record any reading in their reading diaries to earn a dojo point for every 3 home reads! All reading records will be checked and your child will receive new reading books every Monday.

**If anyone has any old children's magazines at home, please could they be brought in for the children to have in our reading corner.**

**Common Exception Words (Tricky Words)** – Children will be tested on the Year 3 and 4 common exception words to read and spell. We will be sending home a highlighted sheet to show which words the children need to practise. We will update these lists every half term.

**Learning Logs** – We are continuing to use 'Show What You Know' as part of our homework. The children will be asked to use a double page spread to show what they know about a task that has been set. Children can do anything that shows off their learning, such as making, drawing, providing information or a model. It is up to the children how they would like to display their work.

The homework will be set every Friday, learning logs need to be returned to school by Wednesday of the following week to allow time for myself and the children to comment on others homework and new work to be set for the following week.

**Speedy Maths** – Children will be learning and practising mental maths activities. Within speedy maths lessons, the children will be practising the 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well as the divisions. We will be practising lots within school but any extra practise at home would be very beneficial for the children.

### Water Bottles

Please send your child to school every day with a **clearly labelled water bottle**. It is essential that children drink regularly all through the day. Due to health and hygiene any unlabelled bottles that are unclaimed will have to be disposed of.



### Snacks

Please provide your child with a healthy snack for break time as Year 3 pupils will no longer receive free fruit at school.

### Discovery Topic

During the Autumn Term we will be learning all about the Romans in our Discovery Lessons. The children will have the opportunity to look at Roman artefacts, create Roman Mosaics and explore a Roman Villa and much more!

### Forest School and Outdoor Learning

Throughout the year we will be using various parts of the outside areas to enhance our learning, therefore it is important the children have wellies to wear so that their school shoes stay clean. Please bring a labelled pair of wellies in a labelled plastic bag if they do not already have a pair in school.



### Labelling Clothes

All uniform and belongings need to be clearly labelled. This includes PE bags, PE kits, water bottles, tights, shoes etc. It is essential that you regularly check that names haven't rubbed off or washed out too.

### Parent helpers

If any parents are available to help an afternoon or morning a week to listen to readers, help on our school trips or help in class, please speak to Miss Neal. We are really focussing on our reading this year and want to encourage the children to enjoy reading for pleasure and enjoy reading different genres of books.

### Diary Dates