



FALCONS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Is war ever justified?

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AUTUMN 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We are looking forward to our next term of learning with you. This half term, we will be thinking about the enquiry question: **Is war ever justified?**

For our class reader, we will be sharing the text *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo, and using this story to gain an understanding of events during the First World War. Through this text and studying the role Britain played in the victory by the Allies, we will explore the concepts of peace, justice, equality and democracy. We will also be looking in detail at the events of the Second World War, including the evacuation of Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. We will investigate life as an evacuee during the Second World War and finally use poetry and paintings of Wartime Britain, to learn about the wider impact of war. We also have an exciting trip to The Tank Museum in Bovington organised.

A reminder that if at any time you have a concern or query relating to your child, please feel free to catch one of us before or after school, or make an appointment with the office to discuss the matter further.

Many thanks, Mr Abbott and Mrs Bailey

Reading Reminder:

Firstly, the children must bring in their reading book and reading record each day, so that they can be used as part of our daily reading.

Secondly, please listen to your child read as often as you can, encouraging them to experience a broad range of texts, such as newspapers, magazines and online information, as well as books. This will support the development of their writing and comprehension skills. If you hear your child read, please sign their Reading Journal.

PE Update:

Our new P.E. days this half-term are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please make sure children have the following named kit in school for all PE lessons: t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers. Children should also have a jumper, and track suit bottoms in their PE kit in case the weather is cold.

A reminder that children need to remove all jewellery for PE. If they cannot remove their earrings, please provide microporous tape so they can be taped over during PE sessions. Also any children with long enough hair need to have it tied up for PE sessions.

YEAR SIX AUTUMN TRIP

Thursday 13th November – Tank Museum

Homework Reminder:

The maths, grammar, topic or reading comprehension activity will be **set on a Friday** and **must be handed in on the following Wednesday**. The expectation is that children spend no longer than 30 minutes completing it. Children also need to be reading regularly and learning their spellings.

Spellings Reminder:

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and must be completed - by writing out three times - in their books please. This enables them to prepare for the weekly spelling test on the following Friday morning.

Equipment Reminder:

We kindly ask that pupils only bring in the following items:

- A water bottle (essential);
- Their lunchbox (unless having a cooked hot meal);
- A snack - fresh fruit and/or vegetables;
- Their reading book and reading record;
- Their coat (essential) - we like to ensure the children have some fresh air, even if it is a bit drizzly, so please ensure your child brings a substantial coat every day.

All other equipment, including pens and pencils, are provided so children are not required to bring a pencil case into school.

English:

In our English lessons this term, we will be initially focussing on Biographies, identifying their key features. The children will then research Sir Winston Churchill before creating a biography for him.

Our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) focusses this term will be using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence and punctuating bullet points consistently.

Finally, our Narrative focus will be stories with a historical setting.

Music:

In our music lessons this term, the children will be working individually and in small groups on the Charanga unit "Developing Ensemble Skills."

MFL:

In our MFL lessons this term, we will be following the Language Angels unit "La date" and the children will learn the pronunciation of the months of the year, state the date as well as saying when their birthday is.

Humanities:

In our history lessons this term, we will be focussing on World War Two and the children will complete the following activities:

- Plotting key events in chronological order;
- Researching Winston Churchill;
- Retelling the events of Dunkirk;
- Recognising the events of The Battle of Britain;
- Learning about evacuees;
- And understanding rationing.

PSHE: Jigsaw

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be following the Jigsaw unit "Celebrating Difference." The children will be celebrating all the things that make each one of us different, and understanding that being different makes us special.

P.E:

In our PE lessons this term, we will be focussing on the game of **football** - the children will be developing a range of skills that they can then implement in game situations. They will also be making **gymnastics** sequences.

Spellings:

In our "No Nonsense Spelling" lessons we will be focussing on:

- words with silent letters;
- homophones;
- plurals (adding -s, -es & -ies);
- and the use of a hyphen.

Science:

In our science lessons this term, we will be learning about Light and the children will complete the following activities:

- Recognising that light travels in straight lines;
- Explaining how shadows are created;
- Identifying objects that are transparent;
- translucent and opaque;
- Understanding how light is refracted;
- Researching Sir Isaac Newton;
- Investigating how a prism changes a ray of light to show the spectrum;
- And comparing sources of light.

Maths:

In our maths lessons this term, we will use White Rose and a range of resources to aid number fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We will be focussing on:

1. Multiplication and Division.
2. Fractions.
3. Converting Units.

A reminder to continue to encourage the children to learn their times tables and login to TTRockstars weekly.

R.E:

In our RE lessons this term, we will be following the Understanding Christianity unit "God" and the children will be exploring the question: What does it mean if God is holy and loving?

Art:

In our art lessons this term, we will be focussing initially on Remembrance Day with the children creating a piece of art work depicting soldiers in the poppy fields.

Then they will design and create a piece of artwork under the theme: "Evacuees." The children will add symbols/pictures/logos related to the evacuees and thus create a 3D piece of artwork.

Computing:

In our Computing lessons this term, we will be following the Teach Computing unit "Web Page Creation." The children will be introduced to creating websites for a chosen purpose. They will identify what makes a good web page, pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, and use this information to design and evaluate their own website.