



FALCONS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Why do we need hope in our World?

BELIEVE-DISCOVER-**ASPIRE**

SUMMER 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. As we enter the summer months, we are looking forward to our next term of learning with you. This half term, we will be thinking about the enquiry question: **What did the Maya do for us?** The children will also be completing their SATs as well as going on their residential - both being opportunities when the children "can be their best!"

For this enquiry, our focus is the Maya and the children will identify the characteristics of the Maya civilisation. The children will also be thinking about their future, and the relationships that may have an impact upon this in PSHE, the human body, and in particular the circulatory system in Science, and commitments that they make in RE.

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, Spelling & Homework 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. Please also listen to your child read as often as you can, encouraging them to experience a broad range of texts, and please sign your child's Reading Journal each time they read to you.

Homework and spellings will continue to 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.

PE Update:

Our new P.E. days this half-term are **Monday** and **Friday**. 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. Plus a hat when it is sunny.

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.

Swimming Information:

This half-term, we will be swimming on a **Thursday**. The children will need their swimming costume, goggles, a towel, a swim hat and beach shoes on this day. Please can it be named.

Residential Information:

Our residential to Mill on the Brue (Bruton) takes place from **Wednesday 3rd June to Friday 5th June**. Any final payments must be made to the school office via Parentpay prior to us leaving.

Hopefully, you have managed to source everything on the kit list. We will be leaving Stalbridge at 12pm on the Wednesday and plan to return at 3pm on the Friday - a text will be sent out with updates.

A reminder that children **do not** need any money and they **do not** need to bring any food on the trip such as sweets or chocolate.

If you have any final questions, please come and ask.

SATs Dates:

Monday 11th May = Grammar and Punctuation Test and Spellings Test.

Tuesday 12th May = Reading Test.

Wednesday 13th May = Maths Arithmetic Test and Maths Reasoning Test 1.

Thursday 14th May = Maths Reasoning Test 2.

Each day the children will be provided with a SATs breakfast before they complete their tests.

English:

In our English lessons this term, we will be initially focussing on writing newspaper reports and the importance of formal and informal language. We will firstly look at examples and identify the key features, before planning and writing our own.

This will be followed by our Narrative focus which will be on mythical stories linked to our topic learning of The Mayans. The children will again read examples of mythical stories and identify the key features before looking closely at the story The Tibicena. Finally, they will design and describe their own mythical creature before writing a mythical story about it.

Music:

In our music lessons this term, the children will be following the Charanga unit "Improvising with Confidence" and they will create their own personal musical ideas.

MFL:

In our MFL lessons this term, we will be following the Language Angels unit "Les Vetements" and the children will recognise the vocabulary for a variety of clothes and say sentences in French about what they wear.

Humanities:

In our history lessons this term, we will be focussing on the **Maya** and completing the following tasks:

- Describe the key physical features of the Maya civilisation;
- Sequence the key periods in the Maya civilisation;
- Explain how the Maya settled in the rainforest;
- Name the features of Maya cities;
- Identify the characteristics of important gods;
- And explain reasons for the decline of the Maya.

PSHE: Kapow

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be following the Kapow unit "Economic Wellbeing." The children will understand feelings about money, explain how to safeguard money in both digital/physical environments and understand the risks of gambling.

R.E:

In our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing on the religion of Islam and the children will be exploring the question: "**Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?**"

SPAG:

In our SPAG sessions this term, we will be focussing on the following:

1. Main and Subordinate Clauses;
2. Formal and Informal Language;
3. Prefixes and Suffixes;
4. Past, Past Perfect and Past Progressive Verbs;
5. And hyphens.

Science:

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

- Describe the circulatory system;
- Describe some of the functions of blood, including transporting substances like oxygen, water and nutrients around the body;
- Recall what is meant by heart rate;
- Describe what happens to heart rate during and after exercise and compare two sets of heart data to identify a link between heart rate and fitness;
- And record data on a line graph.

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. Fractions;
2. Statistics;
3. and Shape.

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

P.E:

In our PE lessons this term, we will be focussing on **Tennis** and **Athletics**. On Mondays (with the coaches from Prime Sports) the children will develop their athletic running, throwing and jumping skills. Then on Fridays, the children will develop their tennis skills (including the forehand and back hand) and progress to playing small-sided games.

Art:

In our Art lessons this term, the children will be focussing on **drawing** and look closely at different styles of art including: graffiti, guerrilla art and murals. They will describe, interpret and evaluate the work, ideas and processes used by artists across a variety of disciplines before they develop their own starting points for creative outcomes in their sketchbooks.

Computing:

In our Computing lessons this term, the children will be following the Teach Computing unit "3D Modelling." They will develop their knowledge and understanding of using a computer to produce 3D models, using an online programme to move, resize, and duplicate objects. They will then create hollow objects using placeholders and combine multiple objects to create a final 3D object.