



FALCONS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Why do we need hope in our World?

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SUMMER 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I can't believe we are entering the children's final term at Stalbridge. This half term, we will be thinking about the enquiry question: **How can we build a better future?** For this enquiry, the children will be thinking about their futures, the changes that are going to occur and how they can have an impact on the future. In our humanities sessions, we will be developing the children's map reading skills and comparing maps from now and the past, as well as discussing how they might look in the future. Then, in our PSHE sessions, we will be focussing on the changes that the children are going to experience over the next few years and discuss any questions that they might have related to this subject.

This term is a busy one and the children will have their residential, transition sessions with their new Secondary School, a leavers service in Salisbury, swimming lessons in school, a Sports Day and an end-of-year production to look forward to.

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

Spelling & Homework Reminder:

Homework 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.

Spellings will also 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.

PE Update:

Our P.E. days this half-term continue to be **Mondays and Fridays**. 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 sun hat if the weather is hot.

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:

Our swimming day continues to be on a **Thursday** and the children will need their swimming kits on these days:

- A swimming costume;
- Goggles;
- A swimming hat;
- A towel;
- and some flipflops/Crocs.

Production Information:

Our end-of-year production this year is "**The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan.**"

The children participating have been given their parts, so please encourage them to learn their lines and the songs at home. We will also practise at school each week and all children without a main part will join in with the songs.

Any support with costumes would be greatly appreciated.

Special Events:

3rd - 5th June = Residential at Mill on the Brue.

9th June = Leavers Service in Salisbury.

11th June = Sports Day (PM).

23rd June = Sailing Trip.

14th July = SuperStan Production (2pm).

14th July = SuperStan Production (6pm).

15th July = SuperStan Production (6pm).

20th July = Leavers Assembly in School Hall (2:30pm).

20th July = Assault Course - sponsored event.

21st July = Pizza Party.

22nd July = Leavers Service at church (2pm).

English:

In our English lessons this term, we will be initially focussing on information texts. The children will start by investigating the features, including: an introduction; headings and subheadings; an index and facts and figures. They will then use their understanding to create their own information text about Mill on the Brue.

This will be followed by a focus on recount texts. The children will explore a range of different recounts, recognise the clear structure needed and understand the importance of emotive language. This will culminate in them writing a descriptive recount about their time at Stalbridge to share at the Leavers Assembly.

Music:

In our music lessons this term, the children will be learning the songs for our end-of-year production of "**The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan.**"

MFL:

In our MFL lessons this term, we will continue to follow the Language Angels unit "**À l'école**" and the children will recognise the vocabulary for a variety of school subjects and say sentences in French about school equipment.

Humanities:

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

- Knowing what most of the ordnance survey symbols stand for;
- Knowing how to use six-figure grid references;
- Using the eight points of a compass;
- Comparing maps of the surrounding area;
- and investigating how the UK has changed over the years.

PSHE: Kapow

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be following the Kapow unit "**Safety & the Changing Body.**" The children will understand how they should behave online and the impact negativity can have and discuss the key changes that take place during puberty.

R.E:

In our RE lessons this term, we will be exploring the question: "**How do inspirational people impact on how Humanists live today?**" We will look at Humanist role models and how they impact on a Humanist's actions.

SPAG:

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

1. Passive verbs;
2. The perfect form of verbs;
3. Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis;
4. and using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose and that.

Science:

In our science lessons this term, the children will be continuing their learning about **Animals including Humans**. They will complete the following activities:

- Recognising the different food groups;
- Understanding the impact of not having a balanced diet (including different types of fats);
- The effect of different drugs on the body;
- Describing 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 setting up an experiment to compare different children's heart rate.

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. Statistics;
2. Position and Direction;
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, we will be focussing on **Handball** with the coaches from Prime Sports on a Monday as well as **Rounders** on a Friday The children will develop a range of new skills before putting them into practise in small sided games.

Art:

In our Art lessons this term, the children will be focussing on **sculpture** and complete the Kapow unit: "**Making Memories.**" They will create expressive sculptures and reflect on artistic decisions. The children will also learn to represent memories through art, using various materials and techniques, and develop skills in planning, creating, and evaluating 3D sculptures.

Computing:

In our Computing lessons this term, the children will be following the Teach Computing unit "**Variables in Games.**" The children will explore the concept of variables in programming through games in Scratch. They will find out what variables are and relate them to real-world examples of values that can be set and changed. They will experiment with variables in an existing project before they apply their knowledge of variables and design to improve their games in Scratch.