



# Falcons

## Spring Term 2026— Curriculum Newsletter

### English

This term in English, children will develop their reading and writing skills through a range of engaging text types. They will learn to inform, persuade and entertain through writing newspaper articles, travel leaflets and narratives, as well as exploring poetry, including haikus.

High-quality texts such as Real-Life Mysteries, Africa, Amazing Africa, Incredible India, The Big Book of the UK, Leon and the Place Between and The Works: Every Kind of Poem You Will Ever Need at School will be used to inspire creativity, build vocabulary and strengthen understanding of different writing styles.

Alongside this, guided reading sessions will support the development of VIPERS reading skills (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising). Children will explore a range of engaging texts, including Dragon Mountain by Kevin and Katie Tsang and King of the Cloud Forest by Michael Morpurgo, helping them to deepen comprehension, discuss themes and build confidence as thoughtful readers.

### Maths



Our taught maths content this term includes multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will continue to focus on securing our times tables knowledge and children will be accessing Time Tables Rockstars weekly at school.

### Science

Our first science unit, States of Matter, teaches children about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They observe how materials change state when heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes.

After half term, our Grouping and Classifying project teaches children about the classification of living things. They study the animal and plant kingdoms and use and create classification keys to identify living things.

### Information

Spellings will be tested on Tuesdays.

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and due back on a Tuesday.

Reading records will be checked regularly.

Please make sure that all items are labelled.

### Key Dates

12th January & 23rd February – Book Look

21st January – Falcons Sharing Assembly

25th February – Parent Consultation evening

4th March – Parent Consultation evening

Further important dates will be updated and can be found on our school calendar.

## History/ Geography

Our Misty Mountain, Winding River project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the surrounding landscape.

Children will name and locate mountain ranges and rivers from around the world and will also study a local river to carry out geographical investigations.

## Art and Design

Our Vista project teaches children about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere.

Our second art project is called Animal teaches children about the historical and cultural portrayal of animals in art. They study the visual qualities of animals through sketching, printmaking and clay modelling.

## Design and Technology

In our DT project this term called Functional and Fancy Fabrics, children will learn about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.

## Computing

Throughout this term, children will use a range of computer software, including spreadsheets and coding, to develop their digital skills, problem-solving abilities and understanding of how technology is used in everyday life.

## PE

This term, children will be completing two gymnastics units, dance and tennis. PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days.

## PSHE/RSE

Our first unit this term is 'Safety and the Changing Body'. We will begin the unit by looking at ways to keep safe online, including the purpose of age restrictions, before moving on to the changes that males and females go through as they grow and develop from being a child to an adult.



In RE, children will explore why people worship, learning about the Christian Eucharist and the Five Pillars of Islam, and how these practices help believers express their faith.

## Music

This term, Hertfordshire Music Service are teaching the children how to play Doods and Toots, which are small versions of a clarinet and flute.

## French

We will be increasing children's vocabulary and grammatical understanding through the units completing a unit on 'Les Légumes', 'Je me présente' and 'Ma Famille'.