

Falcon and Kestrel Classes

Monday 5th January 2026

Hello everyone and welcome to Term 3,
We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a happy New Year.

We are looking forward to a successful term and thank you for your continued support.

Reading

We continue to encourage home reading for pleasure so that your child can benefit from sharing a book with you. Thank you to everyone who is reading regularly at home.

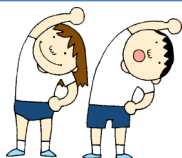


Once your child has completed a book, they will take an AR quiz to assess their understanding of the text. Engaging in discussions about the characters, events, language and vocabulary of the book will enable your child to develop a range of reading skills and improve their ZPD range.

If you would like some guidance on the type of questions you could discuss with your child, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.



PE



	Monday (Indoor)	Thursday (Outdoor)
Falcon	Dance	Swimming
Kestrel	Dance	Basketball

Please make sure that your child wears the appropriate PE kit to school for each session.

If your child is swimming this term, they should wear their full school uniform to school and bring their costume, towel and hairbrush in a separate bag. Warm clothing is essential for the walk to and from the pool.

Homework

We were very impressed with the standard of homework last term, which was completed in a variety of ways, including posters, fact-files, power points and sculpture.

Options for this term's homework are detailed below (a hard copy has also been sent home). All activities are linked to this term's learning on the Shang Dynasty in China and on our Science topic of Earth and Space. Please choose activities from the options below—we would expect children to complete 2-3 pieces over the term. There is a wide range of activities so we're sure that there will be something that interests your child. We are really looking forward to seeing the finished work.

You will also be set English and Maths tasks each week, as in previous terms, relating to the current learning.

Topic

Our History topic this term is the Shang Dynasty of China. We will be exploring this fascinating civilisation, including learning about its achievements and legacy. Earth and Space is our Science topic; we will learn about our solar system, the phases of the moon and how we get night and day and our seasons. Computing is creating and editing vector drawings and this term's Spanish topic is 'una mascota' (Do you have a pet?)



<p>Design a model of a time machine. How will it travel? What will power it? What materials will it be made from?</p>	<p>Explore the Chinese New Year. Choose how to present your findings.</p>	<p>Draw or make a model of our solar system.</p>
<p>Find out about the Great Wall of China, including its purpose, location, history, materials used to build it - and Fun Facts. Present your knowledge through drawing, fact file, leaflet, or even building a 3-D model!</p>	<p>Investigate the International Space Station. Produce a fact-file of your research.</p>	<p>What was the Terracotta Army?</p>
<p>Choose one planet of our solar system and investigate it. Choose how to present your research.</p>	<p>Design and make your very own space mobile, model rocket or spaceship.</p>	<p>Write a short story/poem about an alien/astronaut's time in space. Remember to include description and a varied vocabulary.</p> <p>The Alien and other poems</p>

