



Year 3 Newsletter

It seems impossible that your children are now half way through their first year at Falcon and it was lovely to see how they returned after Christmas with a really positive attitude to their learning.

Science

In Science last half term we spent a lot of time investigating light. We even found out what materials Fireman Sam should make his curtains out of so he can get some sleep when he is on the night shift. To ensure we got accurate readings, we learnt how to use data loggers to record light levels. The children really enjoyed experimenting with these and can now set the range as well as record the light levels. This linked to our ICT where children learnt how to transfer this data onto an excel spreadsheet.

Other curriculum highlights

Our Numeracy last half term was very practical and involved measuring volume and weighing which linked to our biscuit making in DT. In Literacy, we spent a lot of time studying a book called 'The Lost Happy Endings' which the children enjoyed and we were particularly impressed with the quality of the alternative endings that they wrote. Also, your children may have come home talking about sprouts as we produced adverts trying to persuade people to eat more sprouts-Sproutman featured heavily in several adverts!

This half term

This half term looks to be another busy time. Our topic this half term is Buddhism and as part of this unit we will have the Buddhist centre visit to talk to the children. In the past this has been a visit which children have enjoyed and has given them the opportunity to try some relaxation techniques as well. Furthermore, as part of our work on plants, we will be visiting the Cambridge Botanic Gardens where children will get the opportunity to see plants from a range of environments as well as the Coco de Mer, the largest seed in the world.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we will be considering equality with a focus on disability. We will be learning that everyone has similarities and differences and we need to be tolerant of each other. We will see clips of different children speaking about their disabilities and experiences.

P.E

Recently Mrs Barber has commented on the fact that some children are not remembering their PE kits. To enable full participation, please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit in

school on a Monday. It should then remain in school until the end of the week. During the winter months, it is also important to ensure your child has warm clothing.

Home Learning

We appreciate the support you are providing your children regarding homework. It is an important way of reinforcing and deepening the learning that has taken place in school. It also teaches children to be responsible and encourages them to be independent learners. It should **NOT** cause a child (or parent!) anxiety or stress so please come to talk to us if your child needs support with completing the tasks set. Just a reminder that planners should be brought into class every day. Your child also has a login for Times Tables Rock Stars which we hope they are enjoying using. If your child has lost their login please contact us so we can arrange a new one. Furthermore, you may find the following website useful when practising the children's weekly spellings <https://www.spellingtraining.com/>

Volunteers

Many thanks to those parents who have offered their services as helpers on trips or to hear children read. If anyone else is able to help, then please contact your class teacher.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th March- World Book Day-children are able to dress up as a book character.

Friday 8th March- The Buddhist Centre visit Year 3.

Tuesday 12th March- Year 3 and 4 to St Andrews Hall for the Norfolk County Music Festival.

Wednesday 20th March- Book Fair in the hall after school.

Thursday 21st March- Class photos-am

Friday 22nd March-Book Fair in the hall after school.

Monday 25th March- Wrens and Kingfishers to Cambridge Botanic Gardens.

Tuesday 26th March- Puffins and Jays to Cambridge Botanic Gardens.

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th March- PTA Mother's Day gifts.

Friday 29th March- Kitchen Chemist Science Day

Friday 5th April – Rock Steady Concert

Friday 5th April- Silly Sock Day.

Friday 5th April- Finish for Easter.

We look forward to a busy half term.

The Year 3 team