



Welcome back to Falcon Junior School

We are already extremely impressed with the positivity the children in Year 5 are displaying both in class and around the school. The Year 5 team are looking forward to working closely with you and your children throughout the year. Below we have set out a few expectations to help ensure the year is a successful one for all.

Class	Teaching Staff
Canaries	Mr Smith
Pelicans	Mrs Clark
Owls	Mrs Taylor & Ms Morris
Year 5 Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cumpata, Miss Horner & Miss Bauer	

P.E

On both morning and afternoon PE, children should come to school in their PE/Games kits and will remain in them for the whole day. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather as much of their time will be spent outside. PE trainers must be worn and not the black shoes/trainers they may already wear each day. Plain jumpers, jackets and T-shirts in the team colour must be worn – no sports logos, big name brands or football kits to be worn. Earrings should not be worn on these days due to health and safety unless they can be removed prior to the lesson by the child. If your child's ears are newly pierced, they should bring their own medical tape into school with which they can cover their own earrings – school will not provide this. PE days for each class are as follows:

Canaries – Friday **Pelicans** – Monday **Owls** - Monday

Year group afternoon PE for all classes – Wednesday

Home/School Communication

Many of you have already joined your child's Class Dojo and we would encourage those who have not yet joined to register as this offers a messaging system direct to the class teacher so please speak to the class teacher if you need information on this. Messages sent during the school day may not always read by the class teacher; therefore, if messages are urgent, please contact the school office. Through Dojo, we are able to share general information and photos of what is happening in school. Teachers will aim to respond within 24 – 48 hours and will only use Dojo during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Parents' evening will be arranged for the Autumn term and we look forward to meeting you to discuss how your children have settled. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to catch us after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Home Learning

TTRS: at least 3 times a week to support the children in developing their rapid recall of times tables facts which they can then apply to other areas of Maths. Teachers will be monitoring and rewarding progress with this on a weekly basis.

Reading: at least 3 times a week. Reading will be checked weekly and rewards will be given for children reaching their reading targets set on Accelerated Reader. Quizzing can be completed both in school and at home through the AR link on the school website.

Spelling: to be completed daily. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and there will be a weekly test on a Friday. Spellings are to be completed and brought into school each day to ensure they are being learned throughout the week.

Projects: Year 5 set occasional projects to be completed at home. These will be linked to topics covered in school and they are an opportunity for children to develop their creativity and choose how they wish to present their ideas; for example, craft activities, video recordings, PowerPoint presentations and posters have been some of the creations we have seen in the past.

Lunches/snacks

We would like to remind you that Falcon is a nut-free school and children should not bring nut products in their school lunches please, due to intolerances and allergies. Children are able to bring in snacks for the morning break and we would like to encourage healthy options such as fruit and vegetables please.

We hope the information we have provided in this letter will answer most of the questions you may have at this stage of the term. If you do have further questions or concerns, please contact us by emailing the office, messaging on Class Dojo or by seeing us at the end of the school day.

We look forward to working closely with you and your child this year.

The Year 5 Team

Diary dates:

- School photos (individual and sibling) - Friday 18th September
- Break for half term – Thursday 22nd October
- Time and Tide Trip – 20th and 21st October (letter to follow shortly)
- Return to school – Monday 2nd November
- Colchester Zoo Trip – Friday 14th May