



Welcome to Year 6 - Falcon Class and Swan Class



Falcon Class will be taught by Mrs McGill and Swan class will be taught by Miss Smart. Mrs Hardie, Mrs Elsdon, Mrs Norris and Mrs Jarvis-Baker will be working across both classes supporting learning.

This year's themes are...

- Off With Your Head (Tudors)
- We Will Remember (WW1)
- Frozen Kingdom (Arctic and Antarctica)
- Raiders and Invaders (Vikings and Anglo-Saxons)
- Ready Steady Cook (Fair trade, seasonality of food etc.)
- Eureka! (Scientific discovery)

Daily routines...

Everyday Year 6 will enjoy the following:

- Priority Time – focussed daily activities to support learning. Responding to marking and looking at misconceptions/errors
- Worship
- Maths
- Spellings
- English
- Guided Reading and Reading for Pleasure
- Daily Physical activity - our new Daily Mile track is now complete!

Weekly routines ...

- Afternoon lessons will include Knowledge and Understanding the World (Theme), Creative (Art, D.T or Music), Science, P.E, R.E, PSHE, Computing and French

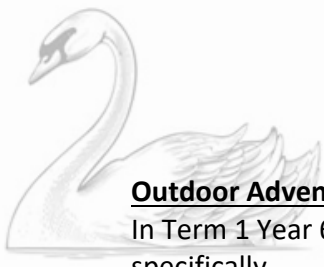
PE

There will be planned PE sessions every week but, as we aim to be as active as possible, we often add in other sessions through the week.

PE kits should be in school all week.

Children should have a t-shirt in their team colour. We will be outside as much as possible, so a base layer, skins, or pair of joggers for outside PE in the colder weather would be a useful addition to the kit. Trainers are also preferable for our outside sessions as they provide more support than plimsolls. When we do indoor sessions, they will just require t-shirt in team colour, shorts and (for active indoor games) plimsolls. Gymnastics and dance are usually barefoot. Girls should remember to keep an extra pair of sports socks in their bag in case they are wearing tights on a PE day.

Earrings are not to be worn during PE. If your child is not able to remove their earrings and put them back in, we ask they do not wear them that day to school. If they are unable to remove them they must bring in micropore tape to cover them.



Outdoor Adventurous Activity (OAA)

In Term 1 Year 6 will be doing OAA with Gary. More information will be provided to classes specifically.

Uniform

The uniform requirements, advice around clothing and details of equipment needed at school can be found on the website under essential information. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform including footwear and brings a coat every day. Children improperly attired will not be able to go out to break in inclement weather.

Stationery

All the necessary stationery is supplied to the children in their own pencil case that is kept at their desks. If children prefer to write with a different pen, for example a fountain pen, and can show that it improves their handwriting we will of course allow them to use it in school.

Home Learning

Homework will be **handed out on Friday** and will be linked to the weeks learning. Home learning will be handed out in a folder this year not a book like previous years. The idea of home learning is to reinforce the work done in class as well as prepare them for secondary school. Home learning will be due in on **Tuesday mornings** this is to allow children to ask for help, if needed, on Monday.

Home learning is expected to be of a high standard, both in content and presentation. If home learning is not handed in by Tuesday morning, they will be asked to stay in at break time to finish it.

Spellings

For spellings this year we will be using Sir Link-a-lot which is an online scheme. Children will be introduced to this in school but will also have access at home. The system was trialled in Year 6 at the tail end of last term with fantastic improvement noted in the children's retention of spellings.

Reading

We aim to encourage children to be independent, avid readers and so the children are given greater freedom to choose a book that engages them. They should be aiming to read a range of genres (non-fiction, fiction, graphic novel, comic).

As part of Whole Class Guided Reading we have Reading for Pleasure time where the children can enjoy a book of their choice. The focus in the whole class guided reading sessions is to understand the text and not simple be able to read it. Children should be able to summarise a piece of text and in doing so can evidence their understanding.

Class Rewards

We use Class Dojo points in both classes to reward children for positive behaviours including focus in lessons, completing exceptional work, challenging themselves to improve their learning, home learning completion, completion of Mathletics, being helpful, showing kindness, being brave in class etc. At the end of the week the child with the most points are rewarded by a dip in the prize box.