



Falcon Class

Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term Second Half 2023

Atteeeeeention! Hello new recruits. I hope you had a fantastic half-term. Our topic this half-term is Amazing Army where we will learn all about the magnificent work of the Army and Remembrance Day. Below is a brief outline of the exciting learning that will be taking place and some useful ideas on how you can help your child succeed. As always, your involvement in your child's education makes a huge difference to their success. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Vokes

English

Our learning will be focussed on the books *Where the Poppies Now Grow* by Hilary Robinson and *Traction Man* by Mini Grey.

You could help your child at home by:

Talking to them about Remembrance Day and why we have the poppy.

Children could create their own poppies or create their own poppy field art.

Sharing the book with them. A read aloud version can be found on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yv9jEZCEErA>

Sharing the countries people in your family have been and showing children where this is on a world map. Children could track places where mums or dads have been deployed.

Talking to your child about their favourite teddy or action figure toy. They could make up their own adventure for the toy.

Maths

Some of the things that we will be exploring include:

- Addition and Subtraction
- Money

You could help your child at home by:

Practicing adding and subtracting when playing board games, dice games or out shopping.

Practicing counting games - forwards and backwards in different steps.

Trying out activities on MyMaths:

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> Login: ticps
Password: island.

Handling money when shopping. Perhaps they could have pocket money to spend!

D.T.

In DT, we will be investigating moving pictures. You could look at different pop-up books that use levers and split-pin wheels to create a moving picture. There is a nice YouTube video, which shows this, which can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kamxGHTvafg>

History

We will be learning all about the history of military weapons and uniforms. If you have any older uniforms at home, you could show how uniforms and weapons have changed over time. It would also be useful if they know about key military events e.g. WW1 and WW2.

P.E.

We have PE on ***Mondays and Thursdays***. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear on these days. This half term we will be studying dance and multi-skills.

Parent Helpers

We will be having an Army Day on ***Wednesday the 8th November***. Any volunteer helpers for this day would be much appreciated,

I also intend for the children to write to any mums or dads that have been deployed or are away. It would be useful if we had some addresses to write to as well as receiving any pictures from parents who are abroad. I intend to create a class map, which shows all the places their parents have been and where they are now so I would really appreciate it if you could provide this information.

I would like to extend a warm friendly welcome to any parents who could spare an hour or two to listen to children read each week. Reading is a vital skill for children, which enables them to learn and progress, and your involvement makes a significant difference.