



4th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Falcon Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Welcome to Falcon class, Mrs Reed and I are really looking forward to working with your children and sharing with them the Year 5 and 6 journey.

This year Mrs Reed will teach Monday and Friday. I will teach Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Herrett will be Falcon Class on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On a Wednesday morning we are very lucky to have Ms Hembrow. She will work across the term with children in small groups; focusing on DT which will include cooking and gardening.

Monday	Mrs Reed / Mrs Herrett
Tuesday	Mrs Yallop / Mrs Herrett
Wednesday	Mrs Yallop/ Ms Hembrow
Thursday	Mrs Yallop/ Mrs Herrett
Friday	Mrs Reed / Mrs Herrett

As part of the transition to upper key stage 2 and for year 6 to senior school, this year is about continuing to preparing our children to be independent learners, to be responsible for their own property and actions and to develop resilience. Mrs Reed, Mrs Herrett, Ms Hembrow and I will work on this at school and we would really appreciate your help. They are still young but now is the time for Falcons to become responsible for things like their P.E kit, reading books and after school sports kit; I recognise that many children already do all of this and others will need help and support across this academic year to work towards this goal.

This term we have some brilliant topics to focus on such as The Second World War, Animals including humans, invasion games and a visit to Farmwise. Our full Falcon curriculum is on the school website and can be accessed by the following link:

www.upottery-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/

We have our P.E sessions on a Monday and Friday, children will wear P.E kit all day on both of the days. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has the appropriate **labelled** clothing for these lessons. P.E kit is: a white school P.E t-shirt/ or plain white, black shorts or black jogging bottoms, a school fleece or school jumper and trainers. Children are not to wear football kit or other sports clothing.

Reading continues to be a main focus in Falcons. The breath of vocabulary that children now need to score well in the Y6 reading test can only be obtained if they are reading quality fiction and non-fiction throughout Key Stage 2. This year we will use our reading record book to record our daily reading. The children will work through levelled book bands, the level will be assessed in the next few weeks. Many children in Falcon class will be beyond the book

band levels and will chose books from the library. These will follow the Accelerated Reader codes. All children can have books from the library as well as their levelled reading book. Please encourage your child to read or be read to at home for approximately 20 minutes per day and sign their reading record book at least 3 times per week.

In Falcon class we don't set formal homework, however each week I expect the children to read daily, and during the week for about half an hour to access online learning such as Maths Shed, Spelling Shed, UR Brainy at home, please ask for another copy of their passwords if you have misplaced yours. They will also have a speed multiplication activity every morning, it is essential that children in year 5/6 have a thorough knowledge of all multiplication tables to enable speed arithmetic for their Summer Key Stage 2 Sat's.

Class Visit: On Monday 8th September (this coming Monday) at 3:35pm you are invited, to come and visit Falcon classroom and see where your child is working and how are days run. If you cannot make Monday but would like to drop in after school on another evening just let us know.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please contact Mrs Reed or I if you have any concerns either in person or by email.

Yours Sincerely, Dianna Yallop and Erin Reed -

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