

# Falcon and Kestrel Classes

## Monday 13th January 2025

Hello everyone and welcome to Term 3,  
 We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a happy New Year.  
 We are looking forward to a successful term and thank you for your continued support.

### Reading

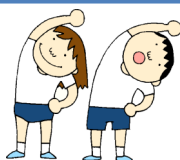


We continue to encourage home reading for pleasure so that your child can benefit from sharing a book with you. Thank you to everyone who is reading regularly at home. Engaging in discussions about the characters, events, language and vocabulary will enable your child to develop a range of reading skills.

If you would like some guidance on the type of questions you could discuss with your child, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.



### PE



	Wednesday (Outdoor)	Thursday (Indoor)
Falcon	Basketball	Dance
Kestrel	Basketball	Swimming

Please

make sure that your child wears the appropriate PE kit to school for each session.

If your child is swimming this term, they should wear their full school uniform to school and bring their costume, towel and hairbrush in a separate bag.

### Homework

We were very impressed with the standard of homework inspired by our 'rainforest' topic, which was completed in a variety of ways, including posters, fact-files, power points and sculpture.

Options for this term's homework are detailed below (a hard copy has also been sent home). All activities are linked to this term's learning on the UK's national parks and on our Science topic of Forces. Please choose activities from the options below—we would expect children to complete 2-3 pieces over the term. There is a wide range of activities so we're sure that there will be something that interests your child. We are really looking forward to seeing the finished work.

You will also be set English and Maths tasks each week, as in previous terms, relating to the current learning.

### Topic

Our Geography topic this term is the UK's national parks. The children will learn about the physical and human geography of our 14 National Parks, focusing on land use and environmental issues.



In Science, our topic is Forces. We will be exploring gravity investigating air and water and water resistance, understanding and using simple machines, in particular levers and pulleys.

Art & Design and D&T tasks will be linked to the Science and Geography topics.

Computing is creating and editing vector drawings and this term's Spanish topic is 'La fecha' (the date).

<p>Create a piece of artwork that shows forces in action.</p>	<p>Choose one of the UK's national parks and write a fact-file about it. Include facts about the physical and human features of the area.</p>	<p>Write a biography of Sir Isaac Newton.</p>
<p>Write a code for visitors to national parks (encouraging them to both enjoy and be respectful of the environment).</p>	<p>Investigate different swimming styles used by professional swimmers. Can you explain why some techniques may be faster than others.</p>	<p>Sketch and colour a landscape scene of one of the national parks.</p> <p><b>DARTMOOR</b></p>
<p>What are gears and how do they work? Find objects around your house that use gears make things move in different directions, more quickly or slowly.</p>	<p>Look for examples of levers, pulleys and gears in your home. Draw and name the examples that you find.</p> <p><b>SIMPLE MACHINES</b></p>	<p>Draw and label a diagram that shows gravity in action.</p> <p><b>Gravitational Force Examples</b></p>

Thank you from the Year 5 team

