FALCONS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Open a book, open a world!

Inspiring Readers – One Page At A Time!

Welcome to our first Reading Newsletter! This special edition celebrates everything we love about reading, from the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge to the many wonderful books being enjoyed across our school. Inside you'll find reading celebrations, book recommendations, fun challenges and simple ways families can nurture a lifelong love of reading.



Summer Reading Challenge Superstars!

A huge well done to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays! We are so proud of your enthusiasm and commitment to reading. To celebrate this fantastic achievement, each child has been awarded 2 house points and will have the exciting opportunity to choose their very own reading book as a prize. Keep turning those pages and enjoying new adventures through reading!



Thank You to Our Birthday Book Donors!

Your special gifts will be read, shared and enjoyed by Falcons children for many years to

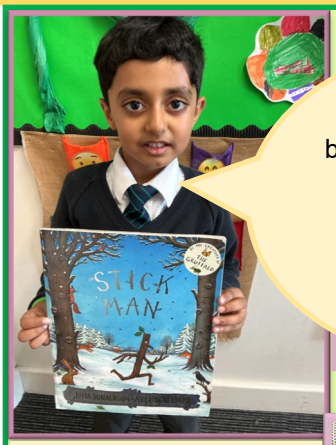
Give a Book, Share a Story!

When it is your child's birthday, why not donate their favourite book? You could choose a title from your child's recommended reading list or select a book they have loved and would like to share with others.

Imagine our shelves filled with the children's most treasured books, ready to be enjoyed by friends, classmates and future Falcons readers for years to come. Every donated book receives a **special birthday book label**, creating a lasting reminder of your child's generous gift. We are incredibly grateful for your support in helping us foster a love of reading across the school.

Recommended by Falcons Readers!

Discover some of the books our children can't put down!



I loved Stick Man because the dog chasing him was exciting, and I was happy when he made it back to his family at the end.



Xavi in year 5 says:

"Even though Esio Trot is written for younger readers, I still really enjoyed it because it is funny, and I would recommend it to readers of all ages."

Jasmine from Year 3

“I love all of the Worst Witch books, but this one is my favourite because the witch goes on an exciting adventure and keeps me wanting to read more.”



Hajiya in year 6 Says:

"I enjoyed Dork Diaries: Drama Queen because it is really funny, and I loved following Nikki's adventure when her diary goes missing. I would recommend this book to children in Years 4 to 6."





Reading Fun Zone!

Quizzes, Challenges and Top Reading Tips

Can you guess the book from these picture clues?

1.  =
2.  =
3.  =
4.  =
5.  =
6.  =
7.  =
8.  =

🔎 Reading Code Breaker Challenge

Can you crack the secret reading message?

Use the code below:

A=1 B=2 C=3 D=4 E=5

F=6 G=7 H=8 I=9 J=10

K=11 L=12 M=13 N=14

O=15 P=16 Q=17 R=18

S=19 T=20 U=21 V=22

W=23 X=24 Y=25 Z=26

Secret Message

1. 18 - 5 - 1 - 4 - 9 - 14 - 7
2. 9 - 19
3. 6 - 21 - 14

⭐ **Can you decode it?**

🌟 Guess the Character! 🌟

Can you work out who I am?

1. I live with seven dwarfs. 🍎
2. I have a lightning-shaped scar. ⚡
3. I am a bear who loves marmalade sandwiches. 🐻
4. I lost my glass slipper at a ball. 👠
5. I am a wooden puppet whose nose grows when I tell lies. 🤥
6. I visited a chocolate factory run by Willy Wonka. 🍫
7. I wear a red riding hood and visit my grandmother. 🐺
8. I found a secret garden hidden behind a locked door. 🌷
9. I am a friendly giant who catches dreams for children. 🌙

Reading Tips for Parents

Little Things Make a Big Difference!

Read together for just 10 minutes each day.

Talk about the story and pictures.

Let your child see you reading too.

Re-read favourite books to build confidence and fluency.

Visit your local library and let your child choose their own books.

Questions to Ask While Reading

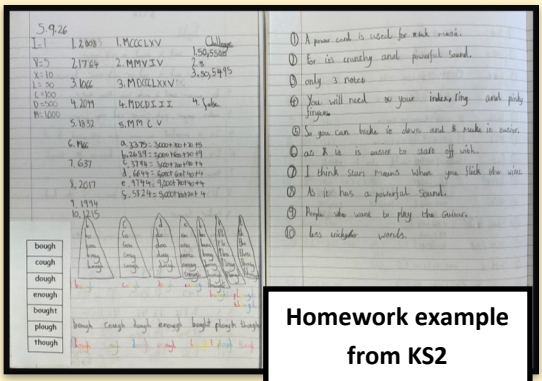
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you know the character feels that way?
- What was your favourite part of the story?

HOMEWORK AT FALCONS

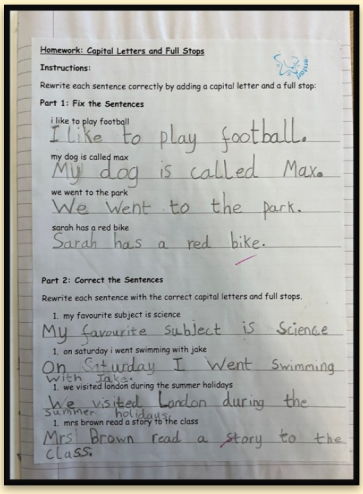
At Falcons, we believe that homework can play a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. However, we also acknowledge the importance of play and free time in a child's growth and development. While homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in out of school clubs and activities that play an important part in the lives of our pupils. Different pupils will take different amounts of time to complete the same homework, but rough guideline of time are given below. If your child is taking significantly longer than this to complete homework, please speak to their class teacher.

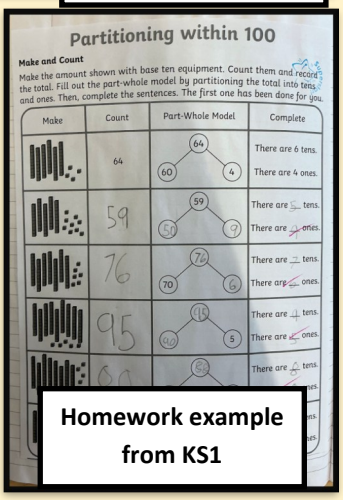
- **Reception**: 10- 15 minutes per night, including sharing books with an adult
- **Key Stage 1:** approximately 20 to 30 minutes per night, including reading
- **Key Stage 2:** approximately 30 to 45 minutes per night, including reading

Homework is always explained fully to pupils and we encourage them to take responsibility for making sure they understand it. However, if parents need further guidance, they can speak to the child's class teacher.



Homework example from KS2





Homework example from KS1

Nepal Floods – School in a Bag Appeal

We would like to thank parents for their generous donations to the Nepal Floods *School in a Bag* appeal. Thanks to your incredible support, we have raised an amazing **£1,518.00** so far. If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so via the following link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/falcons-primary-school-1?

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Friday 25th September: School Closed for Inset Day**
- **Parent Teacher Meetings—Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th October**
- **School Closes for Half Term: Friday 16th October**
- **School Re-opens: Tuesday 27th October**
- **Bandi Chhor Diwas/Diwali—Yr 3 Assembly - Wednesday 4th November**