Falcon Class News
Autumn Term 2026



Space– "Is there anybody out there?"

Year 5 have got an action packed half term, full of exciting science learning about space. We will explore all the planets and objects in our solar system, using a range of different tools and resources. Our computing work will also link to Scratch, where we will create multiple space inspired games. This work will help us prepare for future workshops that we will comple with the Wonderseekers team from Winchester Science Centre in 2027, where we will complete the 'Climate Trackers' project. 3, 2, 1 Blast Off!

Maths

I can read and write the time on an analogue and a digital clock (12-hour) (24-hour).

I can solve problems involving converting between units of time.

I can convert between different units of metric measure (length).

I can convert between different units of metric measure (mass).

English

Our first English unit will focus on the legend of Beowulf. We will look at creating tension and suspense in our writing, generating figurative language and finish the unit with the creation of our very own legend.

Our second unit will focus on 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. We will spend lots of time exploring the context of the story and explore in depth the traditional vocabulary in the text before completing a narrative write.

Other subjects

Art– Making Monotypes

Computing- Scratch

History– Were the Vikings Raiders, Traders or Something else?

Music– Space

PE– Athletics

PSHE– Me and My Relationships

RE– Interpretation

Our class reader/book is Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo

Vocabulary

Asteroids are lumps of rock that orbit a star (there are millions in between Mars and Jupiter).

Comets are objects that are made of Ice, which melts when they get closer to the sun leaving a tail.

Gravity is force of attraction between two objects with mass

A **Solar System** is a collection of planets which orbit a star.

Stars are huge balls of gas that produce vast amounts of light and heat.

Outcome

On Tuesday 8th December, parents are invited to attend a Scratch Computing workshop where your child will teach you how to make a space inspired computer game. Bring your imagination and be prepared for a computer coding workshop to remember.

How to help at home

Please ensure your child reads regularly at home. This can be to you or they can record themselves in their reading record.
Homework will be handed out every Friday. We will mark in class the following Friday.
Please keep practising times tables whenever possible.

Key Messages

Year 5 sports clubs are Tuesday and Friday – 3:30-4:30pm
Winchester College Clubs are on a Thursday– 3:30-4:15