

Grange Academy
Falcons
Key Dates

April

15 Wed **Pupils Return to School**
15 Wed Autism Awareness Day

May

4 Mon **May Bank Holiday (No pupils in school)**
5 Tues Pupils Return to School
26 - 29 **Half Term**

June

1 Mon Pupils Return to School
23 Tues Sports Day

July

9 Thurs Grange Festival Fun Day
13 Mon Year 10/11 Prom
16 Thurs Leavers' Assembly
17 Fri **Last day of Term (1 pm finish)**

This list is not exhaustive. Other things may be arranged throughout the term.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see attached an overview for the learning that will be taking place in **Falcons** this upcoming term and some important dates for your diary.

Our theme for this term **The Space Race** and will be personalised to meet your child's needs, as informed by pupils' EHC plans. Furthermore, this overview includes some ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home alongside their daily reading and weekly homework tasks.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead, and to supporting your child to meet their fullest potential.

If you would like to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kindest Regards,

Team Falcons

The Space Race	
English	This term in English, Falcons will be reading the book 'Hidden figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. Using this text, pupils will be writing chronological reports about the lives of the characters. They will also be looking at bossy verbs to write instructions. Pupils will also be working on their phonic knowledge and practicing their reading comprehension.
Maths	This term in Maths, pupils will be focusing on recognising and using money, within the classroom and during real life experiences. After half term, pupils will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, as well as investigating equipment used to measure length, weight and the capacity of objects.
Art	Falcons are going to looking at 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh and will be using a variety of different media to experiment and create their own version of a galaxy and planets. Pupils will also be using tone and shade to give their planets a 3D form.
DT	This term pupils will be learning how textiles are designed for different purposes. They will be creating a Heat Plate Mat using a quilting technique. They will use decorative techniques including Block Printing to embellish their quilted place mat. The project builds on Science knowledge of grouping and characteristics of materials' Looking at heat resistance.
Topic	In history pupils will develop an understanding of space, the solar system and the importance that women and Black Americans played in the contribution to space exploration. In geography, pupils will be developing their mapping skills through our Space Race theme. They will explore simple maps, symbols, keys, globes and compass directions, and will begin to locate the UK and other places on a map.
RE	Children will be learning about Judaism and Islam. Children will learn that these are two different religions and learn what makes each religion unique and important to their followers. Students will learn about special books and stories for each religion. We will also explore places of worship and special ceremonies.
PE	In PE, pupils will be taking part in a Kwick Cricket unit. They will practice key skills including throwing, catching, bowling and striking a ball, while also developing teamwork, communication, and an understanding of simple rules.
Science	This term in Science, pupils will be learning about space, light and dark. They will explore the day and night sky, identify different light sources, learn about the Sun, Moon and stars, and investigate how shadows are made.
Food Technology	Students will develop their basic cookery and evaluations skills, moving on to more complex skills for some. The students will be making a variety of dishes that are centered around a space theme, this will include lots of food art projects to encourage creativity around food.
ICT	Pupils will explore digital painting tools to create, edit, and improve digital artwork. They will learn how to use brushes, colours, shapes, text, and editing tools to express ideas creatively. The unit builds confidence in using digital software while encouraging creativity, self-expression, and responsible use of technology.
RSHE	This term, pupils will be exploring the changes that happen to people during puberty, including the correct names for those parts. After half term, pupils will look at jobs people do, exploring what skills may be needed for the job and how they could achieve it.
Life-Skills	Children will be reading road signs, asking for directions, and using safe spaces to crossroads. Children will learn skills as in how to ask for help when lost in public.