



## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We hope you have had a brilliant summer and are now fully rejuvenated and ready for the year ahead. This newsletter will detail the various topics that we will be covering this term. On the reverse, you will find other important information and significant dates for your calendar. Keep an eye on **Seesaw** to ensure that you receive the latest updates and notifications.

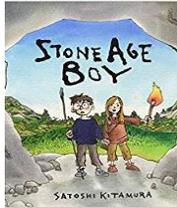
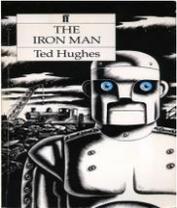
### English

This term we will be delivering our English lessons based around different texts linked to our topic.

The main texts will be:

**The Iron Man** – Ted Hughes

**Stone Age Boy** - Satoshi Kitamura



The children will take part in a variety of speaking and listening activities as well as participating in drama and role play. Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taught both through the texts and in separate skills lessons.

Reading is incredibly important at Carrington Junior School. All the children will have a reading book from the Big Cat Reading Scheme which they will be expected to read at home for at least ten minutes five times a week. Activities are provided at the back of Big cat books for you to complete with your child. We are happy for you to supplement your reading with other exciting texts.

### Maths

This term, we will cover the fundamentals of the subject – place value, rounding, a focus of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and consolidating their times tables knowledge from Year 2, of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, before starting to move on to the 4 times table towards the end of term.

Using mathematics skills in real-life situations really helps children to embed their skills. Any activities such as shopping, measuring or budgeting that you can do with your child will benefit them enormously.

### Seesaw

We are very excited to work with you this year and will use **Seesaw** to ensure that we develop an effective home – school partnership. By the end of the very first week, you should have received your login details – all you require is your phone, tablet or PC. Your child will benefit massively from your decision to sign up to this free app.

# Science & Topic

Our first science topic for this term will be Rocks and Soils where we will be looking at how rocks are formed and investigating different rock types, as well as exploring the composition of soil and finding out why it is important. We will be developing our working scientifically skills and learning to draw scientific diagrams with clear labels.

This term our topic is 'Stone Age' and we will be looking at how people lived in stone age times, taking part in our own archaeology experiences and looking at Stone Age art. We will also be finding out about Stone Age life through our reading and English lessons, where we will use a range of texts about Stone Age life to support our learning.



## Homework

For the convenience of everyone, the weekly homework will be posted online

**Reading** – this should be recorded at least five times a week and records will be checked regularly in school.

**Maths** - Homework will be set on Mathletics.

**Spellings** – words will be posted and need to be learned in preparation for a weekly spelling test. For some children these words may be linked to continued phonics learning.

**Other** – a homework grid will be posted half-termly that will have a range of activities on (*such as research projects, writing activities or building challenges*). Each week, the children can choose from the list the homework that they would like to do dependent on time, resources and personal preference.

# Key Dates

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Rock and Roll, Stone Age Topic Day! Further details to follow.

## Other Info

Both classes will have PE on Wednesday afternoon and Friday Morning. Please ensure that kits are in school on those days. If, for a medical reason, your child cannot participate in a lesson, a letter must be supplied. Both PE kits and school uniform should be labelled with your child's name. To see correct PE kit and school uniform, please refer to the school website.

Please ensure that all equipment in your child's pencil case is labelled. This should also be the case for his/her coat, bag and lunchbox.

*We are very impressed with how well Year 3 have settled in at Carrington Junior School. We are very much looking forward to helping them to learn and develop this year and hope your child is looking forward to it too. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Miss Cornish, Mrs Marks  
and Mrs Cameron*

and the Year Three team

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