



# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

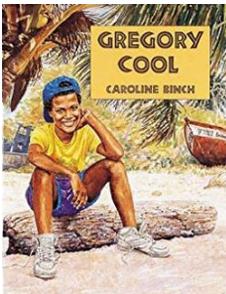
Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term 2020

We hope you have had a fun but restful break. With Christmas being now a mere memory and the promise of warm, sunny days still a long way off, it is time to get down to business and work together on our exciting curriculum in what I affectionately like to call the 'hard work' term!

## English

During this term, the majority of both our Reading and Writing lessons will be based on Gregory Cool (Caroline Binch) and the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. This has strong links to our Topic of Caribbean Dreams.



Through these texts, the children will be looking at a variety of genres such as letters and cultural stories.

Reading is incredibly important at Carrington and the expectation is that the children will read at least 3 times a week at home. We aim to check the reading diaries every week and give out merits to children who achieve this goal.

## Maths

We enjoyed our leap into Power Maths last term and it is clear from their work and mathematical talk that the children have developed their understanding of not only how to solve problems but also why each method should be used. We will continue to work on this throughout the year.

This term we will be looking at Multiplication and Division, Area and Fractions.

We will also be launching our Diamond Times Tables challenge this term. More information will be sent out via seesaw and with the children before we begin.

Please remember, in addition to any Mathematics homework given out, that Mathematics has a range of helpful tools to consolidate your child's learning.

# Science & Topic

The children have already begun to learn about Electricity and are really enjoying the sound the buzzers make when they complete a circuit! This term we will finish this before moving onto the topics of Sound and Living Things in their Habitats.

This term's topic is Caribbean Dreams, the children will be learning about the Geography, History, Art, Design Technology and Music of the Caribbean with a focus on Saint Lucia.

We will also have a focus week looking at the local area.



# Homework

As a school, we have decided to give the children more choice with their homework and to help develop their time management skills. To this end, alongside the daily reading, and weekly spelling and Mathletics, the children will have a choice of Cherry Challenges to complete. They will need to complete 1 per week and will be awarded points for each task. Merits and certificates will be given out at the end of each half term. More information will be given to the children and a copy sent via Seesaw.

# Stationery

As previously mentioned, there is an expectation for the children to bring in their own stationery. Valuable learning time has been wasted because children have not had the appropriate equipment.

Children should be equipped with the following: pencil(s), handwriting pen(s) (we provide the first when pen licence is awarded), ruler, sharpener, eraser, whiteboard pen and a glue stick. Please label your child's belongings clearly.



# Lost Property

PE kits and school uniform must be labelled with your child's name. A growing number of items are finding their way to the lost property box. This should also be the case for his/her coat, bag and lunchbox too.

## Date for your Diary

Easter Assembly led by Year 4 –  
Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April

*If you have any questions about your child or their work, please do not hesitate to contact us via Seesaw or through the school office.*

We look forward to an exciting term of work with a sprinkling of fun!

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mrs Randall and Miss Kaca*