



Year 5 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:

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

Beowulf

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 and will be a focus across all areas of the curriculum. 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, a focus of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and learning times tables at an increasing speed.

It is imperative that children rehearse their skills regularly to ensure a secure understanding of all four operations in a range of real-life situations to support problem-solving. Any activities such as shopping, measuring, 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 Animals Including Humans where we will be looking at human development from birth to old age. Following this, will be Materials and will include investigating properties of solids, liquids and gases and reversible and irreversible changes.

This term our topic is called **Behaviour from Scandinavia** and we will be teaching this through a variety of learning experiences. Our restorative curriculum this term will mean a lot of this knowledge will be delivered through reading experiences but there will also be cross-curricular sessions including History, Geography, DT and Art. As part of this topic, we will be learning about the daily lives of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will also be re-enacting the Anglo-Saxon and Viking struggle for England.



Homework

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

Reading – this should be recorded at least five times a week and records will be checked weekly.

Spellings – words will be posted and need to be learned in preparation for a weekly spelling test.

Other – a homework grid will be posted half-termly and your child needs to make one choice per week from these tasks.

Key Dates

Wednesday 11th November – Let Battle Commence Topic Day! Further details to follow!

Other Info

Both classes will have PE on Thursday afternoon. 5C have their other session on Monday morning and 5S on Tuesday 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. 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 much looking forward to this year and hope your child is too. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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and the **Year Five** team

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