



## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a brilliant summer and are now fully rejuvenated and ready for the year ahead – the final (and hopefully the best) one at Carrington Juniors. This newsletter will highlight 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. This is only a provisional list; further dates will be added via further correspondence.

## English

During this term, your child will be reading several texts, enabling them to investigate a variety of authors' writing styles, as well as writing their own creative pieces. We will be reading a range of literature, including:



- There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom (Louis Sachar)
- Street Child (Bernie Doherty)
- The Dancing Bear (Michael Morpurgo)

Please remember that your child must read every night for at least 15 minutes. To make the most of this time, time should also be spent discussing the text they have read. Please record your child's reading within their Reading Record as this is checked frequently.



## 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 the times tables at 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 etc) that you can do with your child will benefit them immensely.

Every child will have the opportunity to use RM Maths and My Maths at home – homework may form part of this usage.

[www.rmeasimaths.co.uk](http://www.rmeasimaths.co.uk)  
[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

Each child has their own unique login for both of these resources (these will be stuck into their planners as a point of reference).



# Topic

Our opening topic for this academic year will undertake a scrutiny of how the Mayans lived. This topic offers a fascinating insight into how an ancient civilisation was organised and how much they valued learning.

In science lessons, we will be examining evolution. In RE, we will be learning about the two of the world's largest religious followings: Islam and Christianity. In our computing learning, we will be focusing on the all-important notion of e-safety.



# Homework

For convenience, homework will soon be 'housed' on the school website – more details to follow.

**Reading** – this should be recorded daily, activities carried out and reading diaries handed in weekly, every Monday.

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

**Maths** - Relevant to weekly learning.

**English/ Topic/ Other** – To build independence and time management skills, with half an eye on secondary school, we have decided to use a cross-curricular homework grid – watch this space!

**SATs revision** – Periodically, homework will be set from CGP books, for both maths and grammar.



# Key Dates

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 11+ preparation  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 11+ tests  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome Afternoon  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – E-safety theatre trip  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Drop and Stop  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 11+ results  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half term  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – INSET  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Drop and Stop  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Book Look  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Book Look  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term



# Other Info

PE will take place on the afternoons of Monday and Friday – please ensure that kits are in school on those days. If for a medical reason you wish for your child to not participate in a lesson, a letter must be supplied.

Both PE kits and school uniform must be labelled with your child's name. To see correct PE kit and school uniform, please refer to the school website. Please also label all equipment in your child's pencil case. 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 about your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Mr Nathan and Mr Shand*

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