



# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

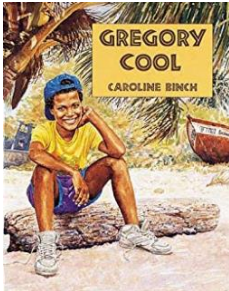
## Spring Term 2022

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*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 our English 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.

We will also be completing two shorter units based on traditional texts using the strategies from Bob Cox which aim to stretch and challenge all the children.

Reading is incredibly important at Carrington and the expectation is that the children will read at least 5 times a week at home plus we have our exciting reading race to help motivate them at school.

## Maths

The children have enjoyed working through Power Maths using a variety of resources to help them. 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 have been working hard on learning our times tables as this is a skill which underpins so many areas of maths. However, this is something we will be focusing on even more this term using a number of different strategies.

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 Living Things in their Habitat. This term we will finish this before moving onto the topics of Electricity and Sound.

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. They will also be comparing it to Flackwell Heath. They will look at the history of the slave trade and how Fairtrade is helping people in the communities.



# Homework

Alongside the reading, and weekly spelling and Mathematics, the children will have a choice of Cherry Challenges to complete. They will need to complete 1 per week and will be awarded a merit for each task. The homework will be checked and merits will be given out at the end of each half term. A copy of the homework grid will be sent home both with the children and 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.

*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 Mr Shand**

[January 2022]