



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a happy and restful Christmas break and are ready for the new year. This newsletter will detail the various topics that we will be covering this term. Keep an eye on [Seesaw](#) to ensure that you receive the latest updates and notifications.

English

During this term, your child will be creating images and feelings in poetry, creating tension in narrative, writing biographies about famous Victorians, and writing some mystery detective stories.

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. We will also continue with our specific guided reading sessions. All the children will continue to 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. We would encourage you to supplement your reading with other exciting texts so please record these too!

Maths

We will start the year with **position and direction**, then move on to **decimals and percentages**, followed by **algebra, measures and ration and proportion**. The children will continue to use Power Maths.

It is essential that the children have a secure knowledge of their times tables by now so if you are aware that your child is not yet secure, please ensure you practise key tables daily and feel free to get any additional advice from us.

Science

This term we are starting with **Electricity**, focussing on circuits and components. Then we are moving on to **Evolution**, where we will be looking at how creatures have adapted to their environments and how offspring vary from their parents whilst examining inherited traits.

Topic

This term our topic is **The Victorians**. We will be examining historical sources to help us determine what life was like for children during this period as well as finding out why it was such an important period in British history generally. Specifically, we will be looking at how High Wycombe developed during the nineteenth century as well as learning about significant global events during this era. This topic will have a historical bias but will also include aspects of art and design technology.

PSHE

This term our focus will be on e-safety and financial wellbeing. Due to the resounding success of the support we received from Wycombe Wanderers last term, they will continue to provide mentoring support for some of our pupils.

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 we aim to check records daily.

Maths – weekly activities will be set on Mathletics. These will need to be completed before the children can access any other sections of the program.

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

Spellings – this term, Year 6 will continue to explore a new spelling scheme which does not involve weekly spelling tests. It focuses on spelling rules and identifying patterns.

Other Info

Year 6 will continue to have PE on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that correct PE 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. This should also be the case for his/her coat, bag and lunchbox. To see correct PE kit and school uniform, please refer to the school website.

Please also ensure that all equipment in your child's pencil case is labelled. We will encourage the children to let you know as soon as any of their equipment needs replenishing as the ability to borrow equipment is currently very limited.

Finally, we are likely to have some extremely cold weather over the next few months. Please ensure the children remember to bring in warm coats, hats and/or gloves.

This term promises to be another extremely busy one as we continue to prepare the children for the upcoming key stage assessments in May. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss M^cConalogue, Mr Reid and
the Year Six team*

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