



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2019

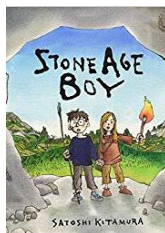
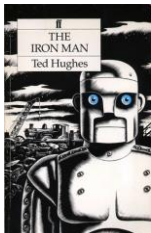
Dear Parents and Carers,

A very big welcome to Carrington Junior School. We hope that you quickly settle in and enjoy your next 4 years here with us. 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. Sign up to [Seesaw](#) to ensure that you receive the latest updates and notifications.

English

During this term, your child will be reading several different texts. Within these, the children will have the chance to plan and write their own fairy tale, newspaper article and letter while taking part in drama, debates and role play sessions. We will be developing our understanding of the writing cycle of planning, writing and editing our work.

The 3 books we are reading this term are:



- The Frog Prince, Continued (Jon Scieszka)
- The Iron Man (Ted Hughes)
- Stone Age Boy (Satoshi Kitamura)

As well as studying these books, children will be taking home their own level reading book. Please note that our reading scheme is different to the Infant School so the colour bandings have different meanings. If you have any concerns regarding this, please see your class teacher.

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 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 etc) that you can do with your child will benefit them immensely.

Seesaw

We owe much of our academic success last year to the working partnership between school and home. This was cultivated through use of [Seesaw](#). 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 opening topic for this academic year will be to design and make a Robot which links to our reading of The Iron Man. Following this we will do a study on the Stone Age – particularly looking at how they used to live.

In science lessons, we will be examining what light is and how shadows are made. In RE, we will do focusing on the questions 'What is worship?' and 'Why do people worship?'. Towards the end of the autumn term we will be busy preparing for our Nativity Performance.

Homework

For the convenience of everyone, the weekly homework will be posted on *Seesaw*. This year, this app will replace the use of the School Planner.

Reading – this should be recorded daily, Reading Records will be checked each day where children will have the chance to be our reader of the week.

Spellings – words will be sent home and need to be learned in preparation for a Thursday's spelling test.

Maths - Homework will be set on Mathletics.

English/ Topic/ Other – The children will receive a list of homework that will have a range of activities on (*such as research projects, writing activities or building challenges*). Each week, the children can choose from the list the homework that they would like to do dependent on time, resources and personal preference.

Key Dates

Wednesday 11th December - Nativity Performance (time to be confirmed)

Thursday, 12th December – Nativity Performance (6.00 pm)

Other Info

PE will occur on Thursday afternoons for both classes as well as on a Wednesday for 3S and Friday for 3C – 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,

Mr Talbot, Mrs Cameron, Miss Harte
and the Year Three team

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