



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a happy and restful summer break and are ready for the academic year ahead. 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 exploring personification in poetry, writing explanation texts, creating stories with a twist and writing news reports.

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 **number and place value**, then move on to using the **four operations**, followed by **fractions**. 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 **Living things and their habitats**, focussing on classifying animals and plants. Then we are moving on to **Light**, where we will be looking at light sources, reflection, refraction and shadows.

Topic

This term our topic is called **Rivers and Coasts: From Source to Sea**. We will be finding out the physical features of rivers coastlines, using mapping tools and investigating erosion and the human impact on rivers and coastlines. This will have a geographical bias but will also include aspects of art, design technology and music.

To enhance our understanding of rivers, we are hoping to conduct a fieldtrip investigation along the River Thames between Marlow and Bourne End.

PSHE

This term our focus will be on mental and physical wellbeing. Due to the resounding success of the support we received from the Wycombe Wanderers last year, 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 be exploring a new spelling scheme which does not involve weekly spelling tests. More information will follow soon regarding this.

Other Info

Year 6 will be having 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 often have some hot weather in September. Please ensure the children remember to bring in hats and water bottles and wear sun cream when sunny weather is forecast.

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,

Miss McConalogue, Mr Reid and
the **Year Six** team

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