

Dear Parents/Carers,

A short note to familiarise yourselves and your child with the curriculum in Year 3/4. This letter will give you some general information about the topic for the Summer Term.

Topics this year

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p data-bbox="169 389 459 421">Adventures in Space</p> 	<p data-bbox="587 389 962 421">Rock on Through the Ages</p> 	<p data-bbox="1050 389 1449 421">Raiders of the British Isles</p> 

Curriculum

At Carlton Central Junior School we teach a 'topic based curriculum' and most subjects are taught in a cross curricular fashion. Teaching in this way creates a more meaningful learning experience for the children as they can apply the knowledge and skills learnt in one subject to others. This reinforces their learning and increases their understanding and confidence. As part of our 'Raiders of the UK' topic, the following subjects are taught:

History

In this topic the children will start off locating Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions on a timeline. They will learn the reasons 'why' the UK was invaded and be able to identify the countries where the invaders came from. The children will then learn about the Vikings' way of life including: farming, trading, clothing, food and religion. Moving on to the first Viking raids in the UK, the children will learn about the causes and effects of early raids on east coast monasteries such as Lindisfarne.

Art/Design and Technology

We are starting off researching the artist Victor Vasarely. We are then studying Celtic/Viking art and recreating designs that were used on Viking shields. Then the children will recreate a Viking shield design using the style of Victor Vasarely. Finally the children will research Viking jewellery designs and apply their knowledge to designing and making their own Viking brooch.

Science

The children will learn that Friction is a force that exists between two surfaces. They will also learn how to make predictions and how to carry out a 'fair test' when working scientifically. The children will then learn how air resistance affects objects and how to write conclusions based on results. Finally, the children will learn about water resistance and they will be able to explain why certain shapes can move more easily than others through water.

English

Each class is focusing on our class book 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' by Terry Jones. Children will produce several types of writing including: poetry/language play, information texts, myths and legends, instructions, persuasion, and non-chronological reports.

Reading

Each child is allocated with a school reading book. This will be at an appropriate level for them. Any reading at home or school will be recorded in their personal organisers. We ask that you share a book with your child each evening for ten minutes.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given out on Mondays and the spelling test will be on Fridays. This year, spellings will

be taught daily and will focus on a specific sound/pattern/rule. Once every half term a whole school spelling event will take place involving learning the spellings from the National Curriculum's statutory lists.

Computing

We are using 2Animate software to create animations of Viking life. The children will first explore the importance of 'what makes an interesting animation?' then design their own sequence of slides to create a full animation. They will learn how to manipulate various tools to create appropriate detail. Finally, the children will review their work, and that of their peers, to suggest improvements.

Maths

Our Maths lessons this term include the following topics: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals and measures. The whole school is continuing to focus on times tables and children will be challenged to recall each times table (up to x12) in less than 20 seconds. Your help and support in working at home with the children to develop their tables' knowledge would be much appreciated.

PSHE (Personal and Social Health Education)

Relationships The children will learn how to make people who are important to them happy. They will explore feelings of guilt and will learn skills to help them make amends if they have been cruel or unkind. The children will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions and to tell someone if they feel ashamed about something.

RE

First the children will learn that Vikings worshipped more than one god. They will then identify different Viking gods and will be able to explain why particular gods were worshipped. The children will then learn about Viking religious symbols and what these symbols mean. Next the children will learn about Viking burials and will discuss similarities between these burials and modern day Christian funerals. We will then move on to learn how faith affects lifestyle, in particular the relationships within a family and the customs and ceremonies that families may follow.

PE

This term Y3/4 will be enjoying: Athletics, multi-skills, lacrosse and rounders. We will also be hosting our ever popular annual sports day on 30th June 2017.

British Values

Throughout our topic the children will learn the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. The importance of laws and mutual respect will be promoted continuously through the school's behaviour policy. Children will encounter the importance of mutual respect when learning about how Anglo-Saxons and Vikings lived peacefully side by side. We will promote democracy through learning how the Vikings were democrats who founded the world's oldest surviving parliament. Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs will be taught during RE lessons when discussing different ideologies.

Educational Visits and other Curricular events

Towards the end of this term we're heading over to the Jorvik Viking Centre in York. As a celebration of this topic, Rowan class are holding a Viking themed assembly on Tuesday 11th July at 9am. We hope to see you there!

Whole School Homework.

Homework continues to be given out on a Tuesday. Maths is given out every Tuesday and the children have one week to complete it. Maths homework is always linked to the topic studied that week. Whole school homework this term is going to be linked to the 'Raiders of the UK' topic. Children will be able to pick their homework task from a range of exciting options!

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you require any further information. Thank you for your continued support!

Kind regards,

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