

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big hello from Year 5 and 6! We've got so many amazing things happening this year that we'd like to share with you. It's going to be a very exciting time and we can't wait to get started!

Topics

<p style="text-align: center;">Autumn We'll Meet Again!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spring Wild Things</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Rampaging Romans</p>
 <p>An in-depth look at World War II! We will look at evacuation, propoganda and a local study about Nottinghamshire in wartime.</p>	 <p>We will learn about the 'wild' things of the world. This will include: wild animals, wild plants and wild weather.</p>	 <p>We will study this fascinating civilisation and learn about how the Romans created an empire across Europe.</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.

English

Our English lessons are linked to our 'We'll Meet Again' topic. Each class will be reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian as their Power of Reading book. The children will produce a range of exciting writing such as: newspaper articles about the outbreak of war and diary entries from the perspective of evacuees.

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. 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.

Maths

Our Maths lessons this term include the following topics: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions, decimals and percentages. The whole school is also focusing on times tables this term and children will be challenged to recall each times table (up to x12) in less than twenty seconds.

Science

This term, our Science topics will be Electricity and Light. Within the Electricity topic, the children will explore electrical safety and how to be safe in the home. The children will then take part in practical experiments and create their own circuits using bulbs, batteries, buzzers and switches. Within the Light topic, the children will explore how light travels, shadows and how light helps us to see objects.

History

In History this term, we will be going back in time to learn all about World War II and how Nottingham was affected during this time. We will be studying how it all began and the impact this had on people's everyday lives. Throughout the term, we will be sampling wartime recipes (as we learn about rationing) and take part in a 'make do and mend'

session. We will also have the opportunity to interview an evacuee and will be looking closely at a range of historical evidence from the Nottingham archives.

P.E.

During this term, Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Handball and Tag Rugby. As these are 'invasion games' pupils will be practising skills such as throwing and catching. This improves their coordination, stamina and agility. Some Year 6 pupils will also be taking part in swimming sessions and learn self-rescue skills.

R.E.

During this term, we will be learning about religious communities in Nottinghamshire and how these have changed since World War II. We will also be investigating the Holocaust and considering human rights.

Music

This term in Music, we are learning to read stave notation and compose a piece of music on a 'C' note. From this, we will be using recorders to create our own melody as part of a group.

S.E.A.L./PSHE (Personal and Social Health Education)

This term, we will be looking at and appreciating the differences in others, exploring jobs in our local community and researching Fair Trade. The Year 6 children will complete their D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programme and perform a D.A.R.E. assembly.

Computing

This term, we will be looking at 'Digital Citizenship' – learning how to stay safe on the internet and appropriate behaviour to use when online. Pupils will be using PowerPoint and uploading digital photographs and creating videos to explore the dangers of the internet.

Art & D.T.

The Art this term is linked to the 'We'll Meet Again' topic. The children will explore the work of Jasper Johns by creating their own flags. We will also be looking at the work of Georgia O'Keefe and replicating her work based on poppies. In D.T. we will be focusing on shelters, exploring existing shelters used in the War as well as designing and making our own.

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 in class. Whole School Homework this term is going to be linked to 'We'll Meet Again' topic. Children will be able to pick their homework task from a range of exciting options!

Educational Visits & Other Curricular events in the Autumn term

In the Autumn term, Year 6 will have the opportunity to attend a 'Science half day' at The Carlton Academy. During this visit, pupils will have the opportunity to use Bunsen burners and make their own rockets. Year 6 will also be taking part in another 'International Languages' half day at The Carlton Academy, where they will receive French and Spanish lessons. They will also be visiting The Carlton Academy for a matinee performance at Christmas. Year 5 pupils will also visit the The Carlton Academy to take part in an 'Enterprise Day'.

In the first half term, we will be 'evacuated' on the train to Burton Joyce. During this day, we will experience life as a child during World War II and take part in activities in the local area. Children who qualified for the attendance reward will be taken to the 'Snowdome' on 21st September 2016. We will also be taking part in a Harvest Festival on 19th October at St Paul's Church. During the second half term, we plan to visit 'The Holocaust Centre'. Pupils will see life through the eyes of a German evacuee and follow his journey on the 'Kindertransport'. Chestnut class will be showcasing our learning in an assembly on November 24th at 9am.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come in and see one of us. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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