

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer term has begun in Year 5 and 6! We've got so many amazing things happening this term that we'd like to share with you. We are studying a very exciting topic and we can't wait to get started!

Topics

<p>Autumn We'll Meet Again!</p>	<p>Spring Rampaging Romans</p>	<p>Summer Wild Things</p>
 <p>An in-depth look at World War II! We will look at evacuation, propaganda and a local study about Nottinghamshire in wartime.</p>	 <p>We will study this fascinating civilisation and learn about how the Romans created an empire across Europe.</p>	 <p>We will learn about the 'wild' things of the world. This will include: wild animals, wild plants and wild weather.</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 'Wild Things' topic. The children will produce a range of exciting writing such as: explanation texts about tornadoes and non-chronological reports about wild animals. Each class will also be reading 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' by L. Frank Baum as their Power of Reading book.

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. Year 6 are working hard to learn the statutory list, ready for the SATs in May, and anything they can be doing at home would be much appreciated.

Maths

Our Maths lessons this term include the following topics: place value, written methods for the four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages, measures and geometry. Year 6 will continue to revise all the key areas of the Maths curriculum before SATs and they can look forward to lots of practical Maths, investigations and projects in the following weeks. The whole school is also continuing to focus on times tables. Your child has been given a new times tables chart where they can collect stickers for learning each times table. They must be able to chant each times table (up to x12) in less than twenty seconds.

Science

In Science, we will be learning all about lifecycles, in particular the lifecycle of a mammal, an amphibian, a bird and an insect. We'll also be classifying plants and animals according to their characteristics. We are fortunate enough to have a wealth of natural resources on our door step and so we will be taking every opportunity to explore our school grounds and the rich wildlife it has to offer. We will also be dissecting flowers in order to learn about the reproduction of plants.

Geography

In Geography we will be focusing on all things wild: volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. The children will learn about the cause and effects of these powerful natural occurrences and will get the opportunity to create their own working model of a volcano. We will also be focusing on mapping and compass skills. The children will learn how to use an Ordnance survey map as well as a compass and will use these to plan a route around the local area in order to collect data.

P.E.

During this term, Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Athletics and Cricket. As Cricket is a 'striking and fielding' game, pupils will be practising skills such as: catching and throwing. In Summer 2, some Year 6 pupils will also be taking part in swimming sessions and learning self-rescue skills.

R.E.

During this term, we will be learning about 'Global Aid' and how we help others after natural disasters. We will also link RE to British Values and be learning values through religious stories as we consider the idea of 'we are all different; we are all the same'.

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

This term, we will be looking at taking responsibility for our actions and behaviours, developing resilience, learning how to make wise choices and considering how to set and achieve our personal goals. We will also be learning how different people carry out their jobs and develop skills that they can apply in the future.

Computing

We will be covering two topics in Computing this term: 'We are Fundraisers' and 'We are Environmentalists'. Within the first half term, we will be using Excel and Publisher to plan a charity fundraising project based around raising money to save an endangered animal.

Art & D.T.

In Art we are continuing to learn about different artists, this term we are focusing on Land Art with an emphasis on Anthony Gormley. This will result in the children creating their own piece of art using parts of nature. We will also be developing our charcoal techniques, in the style of Pablo Picasso, which will help us to create our own animal pieces. We also have a very exciting event coming up in Summer 2 which will be the basis of our D.T. this term. We have visitors coming in from Redhill Academy to help us plan, create and develop our own 'rocket cars'. These will then be tested within each class with a leader board to see which team created the fastest car.

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 'Wild Things' topic. Children will be able to pick their homework task from a range of exciting options!

Educational Visits & Other Curricular events in the Summer term.

At the start of the Summer term, Year 6 will continue to take part in additional SATs based sessions to prepare them for their impending KS2 assessments. Some pupils will also attend additional higher level Maths groups at The Carlton Academy. There will be 2 hours of Maths on a Wednesday and there will be after-school booster classes which are available to all Year 6 pupils. On 23rd May 2017, there will be the Year 6 DARE graduation, held at 9:15am. Year 5 pupils in Chestnut class will be undertaking music lessons – learning to play the chalumeau. At the end of the Summer term, on Monday 3rd July 2017, all Year 5 and 6 pupils will be going on an educational visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Year 6 pupils who achieved 97%+ attendance will visit the Snowdome as their attendance reward. At the end of the term, Year 5 and 6 pupils will be attending a residential to Hagg Farm from 17th-19th July 2017.

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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