




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 align="center">Autumn We'll Meet Again!</p>	<p align="center">Spring Wild Things</p>	<p 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 The Carlton Junior Academy, 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. Each child will be allocated a school reading book at an appropriate level for them. Please encourage your child to take care of their book and return it to school when finished. 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. We will continue with the 'Bookworm Challenge' awards.

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

This year we are continuing to embrace the 'mastery approach' to Maths and your children will be taught their maths lessons in two parts. Topics this term include: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, perimeter and area, fractions, shape and angles. The whole school is also continuing to focus on times tables, number skills and fluency and we are having separate fifteen minute sessions to improve these areas. As always, your help and support at home with times tables is much appreciated.

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. We will be benefitting from the expertise of Mr Mill, a science specialist, to deliver these lesson to Year 6 children.

History

As part of our 'We'll Meet Again' topic, we will be learning all about World War II. We will look closely at a range of historical evidence from the Nottingham archives so that we can explore how Nottingham was affected during this

time. Throughout the term, we will be also be sampling wartime recipes (as we learn about rationing) and take part in a 'make do and mend' session. As part of our topic, we will also be taking an educational visit to Carlton Cemetery.

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. We will also be taking part in daily collective worship in which we will explore the fundamental British Values of: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

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.

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 learning self-rescue skills and some will benefit from the PE expertise of Mr Cannon. Both Year 5 classes will be taught PE by Mr Cannon.

MFL

This term, Year 5 pupils will take part in French lessons with Mrs Farida Hill from The Carlton Academy. During these sessions, pupils will have the opportunity to learn to have conversations about food, animals and colours.

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 culminating in a DARE graduation.

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.

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. Whole School Homework this term is going to be linked to our '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 'Enterprise' and 'Science' events at The Carlton Academy. They will also be visiting The Carlton Academy for a matinee performance at Christmas. In the first half term, Year 5 and 6 attended Safety Zone at Holme Pierrepont on 18th September learning how to stay safe on public transport and in emergency situations. Our Harvest celebrations will be held at St.Paul's church at 2pm on Thursday, 24th October – we hope you can join us. 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 13th at 9am. The annual Snowdome visit (attendance reward) for qualifying pupils is on Thursday 27th September. During this term we will be reflecting on 100 years since the end of WWI with a Remembrance Service and the Remembrance Games. Some Year 6 children are putting together a drama, based on the experiences of WWI with the 'Flying High Expressive Arts' team.

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,

Miss Wright Mrs Charlesworth Mrs Howard Mrs Willson Mr Schofield