




A big hello from year 3! This term, we have lots more exciting things happening this year that we'd like to share with you. As you know, all children have a 1:1 iPad they are using to deepen their understanding of the curriculum and support their learning in school.

<p style="text-align: center;">Autumn Rock On Through The Ages</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spring Rampaging Romans</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Legends of Sherwood</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Key Question: <i>When do you think it was better to live – Stone-Age or Iron Age?</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Key Question: <i>How was Roman life similar/different to mine today?</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Key Question: <i>How has Sherwood Forest changed over time?</i></p>

Curriculum

At The Carlton Junior Academy, we teach a broad and ambitious curriculum. We aim to provide a meaningful learning experience for each child, which develops their knowledge and skills in each subject area. Throughout the learning journey, we plan for opportunities to explore and understand equity, inclusion, diversity and belonging.

English

- The key text we will be exploring this term is 'Empire's End' by Leila Rasheed.
- Children will develop their writing skills by producing newspaper articles, persuasion texts, poems and stories with a historical setting.
- We have DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) every day, when the children can read and enjoy their books.
- Children who read 3 times each week will be eligible for our 'Bookworm Challenge' awards. Please encourage your child to take care of their reading book and return it to school when finished.
- We also welcome donations of unwanted children's books.

Spellings

- Each Monday, children will be given their spellings.
- Spellings will be taught daily and will focus on a specific sound/pattern/rule.
- On Friday, children will be asked to spell their words to show improvements.
- Spellings are uploaded onto Class Dojo each week for your children to practise at home.
- All children also have a login for 'Spelling Shed' in their organiser so they can play fun, interactive games at home.

Maths

- This term we will be covering measurements, time, fractions and money.
- Children will focus on 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
- **Please encourage your child to use the websites 'Times Table Rock Stars' or 'Maths Frame'. Your child's Multiplication Check is June 2025, so we need to ensure children are able to recall all times tables up to 12 x 12 within 6 seconds.** These are on your child's iPad as apps, so they can access them at home.

Science

- Our Science topics this term are 'Animals Including Humans' and 'Light'.
- Children will identify that animals and humans need the right types of nutrition and they will get this from what they eat.

- Along with this, children will deepen their understanding of their substantive knowledge by describing the functions of the digestive system, identifying different types of human teeth and construct food chains.
- In the Light topic, children will explain what happens when light is reflected off a mirror and find patterns on how a shadow changes.

History

- In History, children will discover the achievements of the earliest civilisation.
- Children will understand the cultural, religious and ethnic diversities from the past.

Geography

- In Geography, children will locate the countries of Europe.
- Children will explain the 8 compass points and locate the equator.

P.E.

- This term, children are focusing on their Gymnastics skills: vertical jumps, developing agility, balance and co-ordination.
- Following on from this, children will develop their flexibility, strength and technique in circuit training.

Religious Education (in line with the Nottinghamshire syllabus)

- This term, children will continue to look at symbols and religious expression in Hinduism and Judaism.
- Children will write thoughtfully about a special place, consider why people go on pilgrimages and research the significance of the Western Wall.

Music

- Children will focus on the song 'Stop!' by Joanna Mangona, based on the genre 'grime'.
- Children will identify basic musical styles and find the pulse and beat to different songs.

Modern Foreign Languages (French)

- Throughout the spring term, children will look at stories in different cultures.
- Children will write phrases from memory and develop their French vocabulary and fluency.

Computing

- In this unit, children will understand that a computer program runs sequentially using Scratch.
- In the second half term, children will develop their understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on: inputs, processes and outputs.
- For Online Safety, we will look at Health, Well-being and Life Style as well as privacy and security.

Art and Design Technology

- In Art, children will focus on creating a still life drawing using a range of values.
- In Design & Technology, children will use tools correctly to prepare and make a tasty nutritious drink.

PSHRE (Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education)

- This term, we will cover two different units using our whole school JIGSAW approach: Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.
- Within these topics, children will identify their dreams and ambitions and understand how exercise effects the body.
- For more information about our PSHRE curriculum and policy, please visit our website:
<https://www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk/about-us/our-curriculum/#1591621376480-0debfedc-10a0>

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- At Carlton Junior Academy, we support children to understand equity, diversity and inclusion and teach children about how they can contribute to a cohesive, respectful society.
- We read inclusive books, study protected characteristics during collective worship and focus on important figures. Each class takes turns to visit our local library, where children can engage with new books and borrow new books to take home and read.

British Values

- Throughout our topics, 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.
- Tolerance and respect of those with different faiths and beliefs will be taught during RE lessons.
- Children will learn the importance of responsibility and relationships during our PSHRE lessons.

Seeds to Success – Growing Greatness at Carlton Junior Academy

- Children are encouraged to take steps towards aiming high and making a difference to their own lives and the lives of others, by developing awareness and skills in each of our values: Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, and Determination.
- We learn that trying new challenges is exciting and helps us to step outside of our comfort zone through our 'Seeds to Success'.
- Each half term, we choose a 'seed' to focus on as a whole academy. This term's focuses are: 'volunteer to do something that will make a difference to your community' and 'think about how you could encourage people to be respectful online'.

Homework

- Maths and Grammar homework will continue to be handed out each week by your child's class teacher. Please encourage your child to look after these books as there is a cost to replace them.
- Your child will be set our 'Whole School Homework' – this will be linked to major events happening throughout the year and you will receive information when this is set.
- Homework will be set on your child's iPad by the class teacher via Purple Mash each Friday. Your child's class teacher will also inform you of the homework task set via Class Dojo. If your child is not taking their iPad home, the Grammar and Maths homework books must be completed. If your child does not have consent to take their iPad home, they can still access their homework on Purple Mash via another device at home.

Important events

We have Parent/Carer evenings on the 6th and 7th February. 7th March is when we celebrate World Book Day. Online Safety Day is 6th February.

We will keep you updated of other events and updates via Class Dojo where you can also message us if you have any questions. Also, don't forget to keep up to date with what's going on in school via our "X" account (previously known as Twitter). Our handle is @TCJANotts.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team