

Carterhatch Junior School

Year 4 Spring Term 2019 curriculum letter

Welcome back

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope the children are refreshed from the break and ready to build on their progress from the Autumn term. We have a busy, exciting term ahead for Year 4 with visits and hands-on learning. Our first topic is 'Let the Battle Commence' which is a History based unit looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings time in Britain and their impact on British society today. We hope that the children continue to follow the Carterhatch values and show a positive attitude towards their work and enjoy the forthcoming term. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to the class teachers as soon as possible.

Carterhatch values

Please help us to help your child uphold the Carterhatch Junior School values of:

Success, Collaboration, Safety, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility

Watch out for postcards sent home telling you about your child demonstrating these.



The Year 4 team

McCartney Class Teacher:	Erin Curnow
Lennox Class Teacher:	Esen Fikret
Fitzgerald Class Teacher:	Arion Lawrence
Teaching Assistants:	Patricia Green and Bukurie Gjoca

English

- Explanation - construction of a long boat - using conjunctions to create complex sentences.
- Traditional tales - Beowulf - use of descriptive language including noun phrases and fronted adverbials, direct speech punctuated correctly.
- Discussion - how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings changed Britain - using varied sentence types and a range of conjunctions to connect ideas.
- Non-chronological report - newspaper report on the Viking raid of Lindisfarne - organising information into paragraphs, using appropriate sub-headings.
- Spelling - apostrophes for contractions, -est suffix and revision of Year 3/4 statutory word list.

Maths

- Adding and subtracting, both mentally and using formal written methods.
- Consolidating the remaining times tables.
- Mentally multiplying and dividing numbers by single digit numbers, 10 and 100.
- Using formal written method to multiply and divide larger numbers.
- Fractions and decimals to 2 decimal places.
- Measurement.
- Geometry - angles, position and direction and 2D shapes.

It is really important that your child continues to learn their times tables at home.

Technology & Computing

- Computing - understanding basic coding through Scratch.
- D&T - apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures in Take One Picture and accurately following a recipe in cooking.

The Arts

- Art - Viking sketching, focusing on different hardnesses of pencils to show line, tone and texture, and Take One Picture.
- Music is taught weekly by a specialist teacher.

Humanities (History & RE)

- History - Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and their impact on British history.
- RE - we will be learning about beliefs in Hinduism and the theme of discovery within Christianity.

PSHE

- Our value of the term is collaboration.
- PSHE - celebrating diversity and differences within our communities and the importance of our school community with children, teachers and parents.

PE

McCartney - Wednesday and Friday

Lennox - Tuesday and Thursday

Fitzgerald - Tuesday and Wednesday

Outdoor PE: Tag rugby and Tennis

Indoor PE: Gymnastics and Dance

Please ensure your child has a named PE kit with trainers/plimsolls. This must be kept at school and be available at all times. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed before school on the day of PE.

Home learning

Please support your child with their home learning by asking what they have been learning and reading through work sent home with them. They may need your help with some tasks. Provide a quiet and calm place where they can concentrate on homework and please ensure that it is handed in on time. Listen to your child read regularly and read to them too. If your child is having problems, please speak to the class teacher as soon as possible so that we can work together to support your child's learning.

Home Learning is set on a **Thursday** and collected in on a **Tuesday**.

Reading: 20 minutes daily - please sign the reading record when you have read with your child. Your child should be writing a daily summary of what they have read in their reading records.

Writing: Written task based around a word or phrase relevant to something that they are, or will be, covering in school.

Spelling: Weekly spellings handed out and to be practised daily.

Maths: Online MyMaths, related to work completed during school and Times Tables Rock Stars will be introduced this term to support children's times tables. Daily times tables practice.

Trips / visitors / curriculum days planned

Visits to Church during our RE topic on Christianity.

British Museum during our topic on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Letters and dates to follow.

Each class will have a Showcase during the Spring term.

Other useful information

Reminder - children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack in for playtime. This must be kept in lockers as lunch boxes are covered and kept in the dining hall until lunchtime.