



Carle Class Newsletter - Spring Term 1 2019



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Carle Class with Mrs Foster and Mrs Smith, supported by Mrs Petchey and Miss Thornalley. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the gifts and good wishes we received from you before Christmas.

Please remember, if you ever wish to speak to us, we are usually available after school, once we have dismissed all of the children. Alternatively, please use your child's reading record to write anything you need to make us aware of. Ask your child to hand us it first thing in the morning then we will then write back to you, or see you at the end of the day.

We are striving to encourage the children to read for pleasure and would like to offer a variety of reading opportunities within the classroom. We would be grateful to receive any magazines or comics which your children have finished with. Thank you.

Project - Spring 1: Fire! Fire! - The Great Fire of London

We will be covering lots of different curriculum areas within this project which will be taught in an exciting and cross curricular way. As part of our project we will be making a Great Fire of London themed candle holder. Please could you send in some washed jars such as jam jars as soon as possible. Each child will need one jar each but any spares would be gratefully received.

Homework

Thank you for all of the support we received with the reading challenge! The children enjoyed receiving their certificates in assembly and this has certainly helped children's confidence and fluency!

The routines for reading, spellings and project homework will remain the same as in the autumn term. New homework projects linked to the term's topic will sent home in the red homework books.

It's really important that regular reading and spellings practise takes place at home, in order to support and embed the learning conducted in school.

- **Reading Books:** Little and often is best with reading, ideally 5-10 minutes per day. Please send books and reading records into school every day. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Phonics /Spelling:** New lists of words will be sent home each Friday inside your child's 'Spellings Practise Book'. This will allow both you and your child to familiarise yourself with them before the learning commences.
- **Project:** Again, children can choose any task from the home learning grid each week. The children can place their homework in the 'homework box' on the carpet on any day of the week. Homework books will be returned on a Friday ready for the following week.

General Reminders and information...

- Please could children complete their homework with a pencil, rather than pen as pencils are easier for their writing to 'flow' with.
- Please send children with a water bottle each day. Please could water bottles be labelled as we have helpers to give them out at the end of the day. Thank you.
- The children will still have **PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled so they can be returned easily if they are misplaced.
- A polite reminder regarding earrings: It would be helpful if children with earrings have them removed on PE days. Alternatively, plasters must be brought in for them to be covered.

Dates and events coming up...

- Fire Brigade visit to link with our new project.
- PE club for R, Year 1 and Year 2 in Spring 1.

Further information about the above events will be sent to you very soon.

Thank you,
Mrs Foster, Mrs Smith, Mrs Petchey and Miss Thornalley