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## Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 1,  
Week 4

25th September 2023

What's going on behind the  
scenes at Carcroft School?



**Dates for the forthcoming week**  
[Autumn 1 Diary Dates](#)

<i><b>What?</b></i>	<i><b>When?</b></i>	<i><b>Which year groups/crews?</b></i>
School closed to pupils/ staff training/ Writing	Monday 25th September	Y1- Y6
F2 Parents Meetings	Tuesday 26th September/Thursday 28th September (Evening)	All
School reopens to pupils	Tuesday 26th September	Y5/6
Campsmount School visiting Y5/6 pupils to discuss what they offer in Y7+	Thursday 28th September	Y1/2 Pupils
Y1/2 Parents invited into school to learn a bit more about how we teach phonics- there will be tea/coffee and cake- what better reason to join!	Friday 29th September	

**Next Week...**

**F2 Phonics Session**

Monday 2nd October- 2.45pm

**Photographer in School**

Tuesday 3rd October

**Flu Immunisations**

Wednesday 4th October

**Non Uniform Day- see next slides**

Thursday 5th October

Friday 6th October (EYFS)





**Next week, Carcroft School celebrate our very own 'One World Week'. During our crew sessions we will celebrate being part of a diverse but interconnected world.**

### **Why are we doing this?**

There are many reasons why children should learn about other countries and cultures. These subjects foster empathy and acceptance in children as well as allow them to develop their cultural awareness and feel like they belong to a global community.

Children are naturally curious and accepting. If parents or other role models set an example of cultural awareness and acceptance, children will often adopt these principles as their own.

Learning about other countries could also inspire children to eventually pursue a variety of topics as a potential career, whether geography, anthropology, travel writing, languages or diplomacy!





Next week we will be holding non-uniform days.

**-On Thursday 5th October KS1 and KS2** are invited to come in the colours which are represented in the flag of the chosen country or traditional wear of that country if you are feeling creative!

**KS1 (Years 1 & 2) - Germany (black, red, yellow)**

**KS1 AP - Turkey (red and white)**

**LKS2 (Years 3 & 4) - Italy (red, green and white)**

**UKS2 (Years 5 & 6) - France (red, white and blue)**

**-On Friday 6th October**

**EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - Great Britain (red, white and blue)**

This will take place on **Friday 6th October** due to FS2 being on a trip on **Thursday**





**On Thursday 5th October our lunch menu will offer a range of dishes from around the world.**



**If your child is on packed lunches and they would like to join us for a school lunch on Thursday then please sign up via parent pay by Monday 2nd October.**



# Y6 Parents – Secondary School Application

📅 14th September 2023 👤 Hannah McLoughlin

It is that time of year where year 6 children and parents should be thinking about secondary school applications. Here is a link to the dates of the [Y5/6 open evenings/days \(Autumn 23/24\)](#) to help you with your decision, if need be.

To further help you, the link to apply through Doncaster Council will be text messaged out by our admin team, the closing date for this is 30th October 2023.

If you have any questions catch me on the door or send me an email.

Miss Mcloughlin

Y6 Teacher



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## Sharing our Stories as we go...

We understand that life gets busy so parents do not always get the chance to visit our website but we want to share with you all of the amazing stuff we get up to at Carcroft School; we call this sharing our stories.

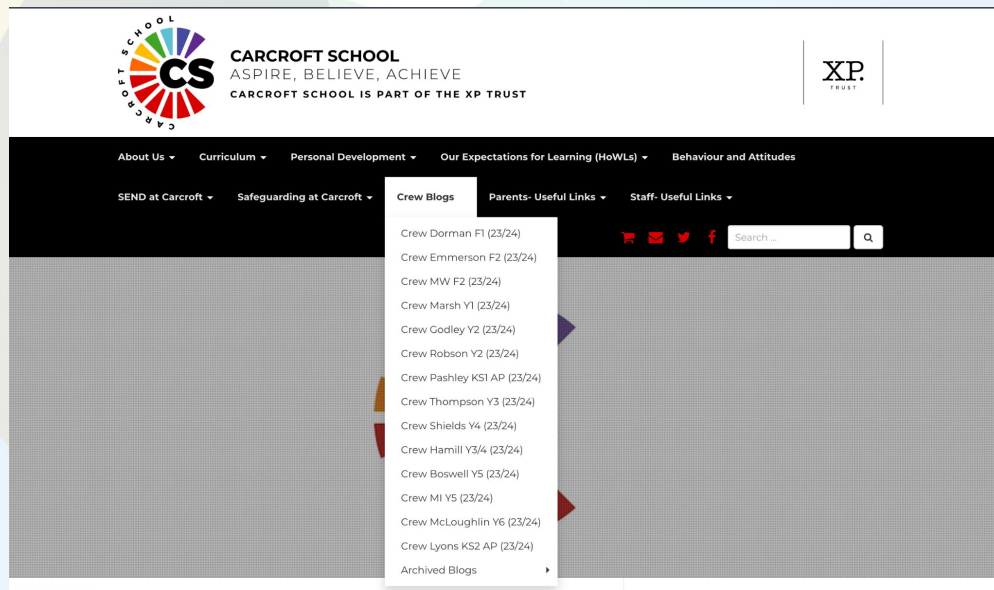
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

However, if you wish to see more of what your child gets up to whilst at school, head to our website using this link and head to crew blogs and select your child's crew.

[Website link](#)



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## Celebrating the Best Version of You!

At Carcroft School and across the XP Trust we want our children to leave us being the best version of themselves. In order to support our pupils to achieve this, we focus on three key things (3 dimensions):

1. Character Growth
2. Beautiful Work
3. Academic Success

Each week we will showcase how this is done!

What a lovely blog post...Crew Thompson

Love seeing how this crew look out for one another x

## Character Growth (Crew)

### Caring Crew ❤️

📅 20th September 2023 👤 Laura Godley

I was very lucky this morning to be able to visit Crew Thompson and what a lovely treat I had! The children were checking into crew with the question, 'What is your spirit animal and why?'. The care and compassion the children held for each other showed how much this crew worked hard, to be kind. The children articulated beautifully why they were protectors, shy, resilient, emotional and many more qualities.... They supported and praised each other, I was blown away by the language used and how much the children had already adapted to the challenges of Year 3.





## Character Growth (Crew)

Lots of our pupils went out onto the school grounds last week to help us to keep our grounds tidy. They collected lots of litter.

Please support us to keep Carcroft clean and tidy by putting litter in the bin. We have sadly seen an increase in the amount of litter in and around our local area and we really want to keep our community clean and tidy.



## Keeping Carcroft clean

📅 21st September 2023 👤 Natasha Holdsworth



## Character Growth (Crew)

Developing our character through music

# Young Voices 2024

📅 26th September 2023 👤 Sarah Mcglone

Rehearsals are well underway for our performance at Young Voices 2024. We have kicked off our preparation by learning 'Today's Gonna Be a Great Day'. We've totally mastered it in just 2 rehearsals! Fab work guys! 🎵

Young voices preparation is well under way!

Miss McGlone and the choir crew doing a fabulous job of perfecting their songs ready for the big performance.



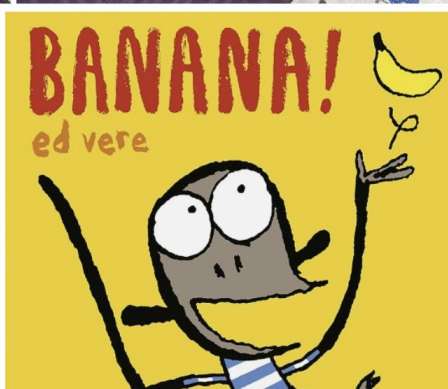
## Academic Success- Reading

We aspire for our pupils to leave us achieving the best they can academically across the curriculum.

This week our F2 pupils visited the library again and enjoyed a story in there too.

It's so lovely to see our youngest children loving their reading.

Crew MW took our weekly trip to the library today. We enjoyed the story 'Banana!' in the library and then we voted for a story to take back to our classroom to read tomorrow.



## Academic Success- Reading

Thanks to parents in Crew Marsh for joining us for reading again last week.

We love reading with our grown ups.

## Y1 reading cafe

 25th September 2023  Lauren Marsh

This week it was the children's time to read to parents...



## Academic Success- Reading

Phonics is such a big part of learning to read. We have been having a big push on this in Crew MW. We are working hard to make all of our new sounds stick so we can start to read words.

## Phonics at Home

We are wanting to have a big push on phonics at home. Miss Welburn is holding a meeting for Y1 and 2 parents this week and F2 next week. See the dates slide. There will be hot drinks and cake. We would love for you to join us.

# Phonics

📅 19th September 2023 👤 Sarah Mcglone

We have been working extremely hard on our phonics since the start of the year, and so that we are practising as much as we can, we have been using the iPads as additional tuition during our provision time. We have really enjoyed learning with Fred and letting him hear how good we are getting at recognising sounds and getting speedier. Some of us even used the whiteboards on the table to practise our letter formation! We know that the more we practise, the better we will become!



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The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.

**Dr. Seuss**



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Children must bring their book bag into school every day so that their reads can be checked and in case their book gets changed.

It is extremely important that children are reading daily at home.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please can we ask that children are reading their book at home for 10 minutes per day and at least 3 x per week/ ideally 4 times a week.



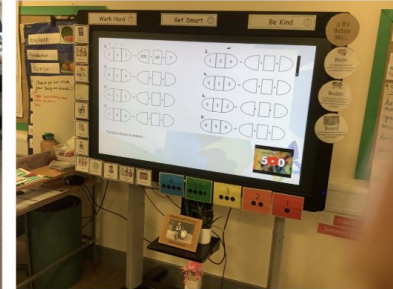
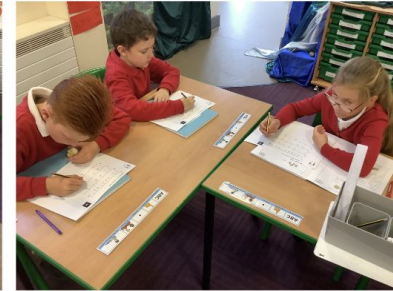
## Academic Success- Other subjects

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# Magic maths in MI

📅 26th September 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

The work hard howl was really shown today in our magic maths session 😊 Children really tried hard when they were challenged but all still ensured they had a positive attitude.



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# Counting in Crew Pashley

📅 26th September 2023 👤 Eleanor Pashley

Today in Crew Pashley, we practiced counting different amounts using different objects. We are practicing counting amounts larger than 20 this week. Today, Charlie counted how many treats we had in our treat tub, and how many conkers Miss Haddock had given us. We also matched the number card to the correct amount of apples on the matching card.





## Academic Success- Other Subjects

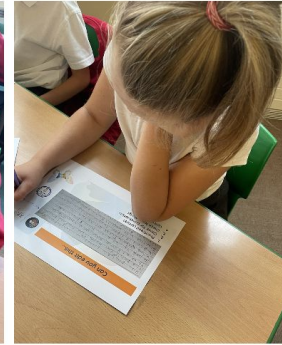
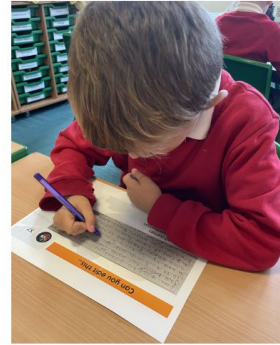
In **Writing**, we are starting to focus in on the skill editing and redrafting because we know that to get smart we have to have resilience and keep trying until we make things as good as they can be. Sometimes this takes lots of drafts and this is ok!

Crew Thompson showing us how it's done!

## Edit and redraft!

📅 27th September 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

In our writing lesson today, we have focussed on developing our editing and redrafting skills. First, we read the writing to see if it makes sense. Then, we checked it for features such as: capital letters, full stops, spellings, fronted adverbials and conjunctions. We discussed how we use purple pen to edit the errors in our work. Tomorrow, we will continue to write plot point 4 so we can put our editing and redrafting skills into practice.



# Expedition in KS1

## Crew Marsh get Arty

📅 27th September 2023 👤 Natasha Holdsworth



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Awesome drawing skills in Crew Marsh! Wow!



## Work inspired by Dennis Creffield

📅 27th September 2023 👤 Laura Godley

As part of our expedition we have been looking at the British artist, Dennis Creffield. He used charcoal to draw every cathedral in England. We have been using charcoal to draw our school building. We have also thought lots about re-drafting and how we can use kind critique to help each other improve. These are a few of our final pieces



We have started creating our background to produce our final piece of art work, watch this space.....



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### Art!

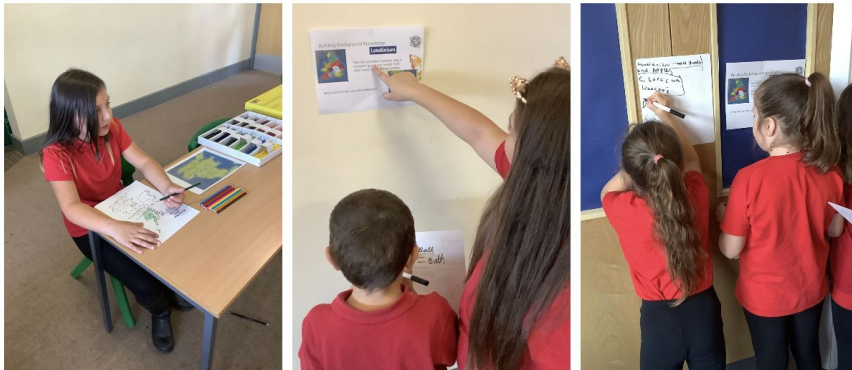
- Artist focussed work
- Practising charcoal skills
- Collage skills
- Amazing high quality work from Crew Godley!



# Roman Settlements

📅 27th September 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

Over the course of 2 lessons, the children studied maps that gave them information about where the Romans settled. They then used information around the room to help them annotate their map with information about why the Romans settled in spectating places. For instance they settled in Londinium (London) because they could transport people and goods on the river Thames.



## Expedition in LKS2

Our LKS2 have been studying  
**Geography.**

Map skills and working  
collaboratively!

Smashed it!



## Case study 2 starts in MI

📅 26th September 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

Today we started our science case study where we started to classify plants and animals based on characteristics. We thought about what makes something living and non living then looked at MRS GREN. We then worked in mini crews to sort a variety of living things into groups. We all found lots of different ways which we shared with the whole crew. We then watched a video clip to help us think more about classifying plants, animals and microorganisms. We then had a go at creating our own classification key in mini crews. Some great discussions today MI 😊



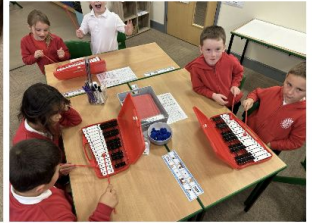
Science across UKS2.  
Developing our understanding  
of classification.  
Lots of high quality scientific  
discussions taking place.



# Wider Curriculum

Miss McGlone is providing us with the best Music lessons in CARCROFT!

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## Sports at Carcroft

### Fantastic football!

📅 21st September 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

This afternoon we had a fantastic PE lesson where we were practicing our passing skills. We discussed what makes a good pass and what this should look like. Children identified that we should make a pass using the inside of our foot so that we have more accuracy. Keep up the great work!



## Tag Rugby

📅 27th September 2023 👤 Hannah McLoughlin

In active fusion we have been learning about the sport tag rugby. We learnt many techniques of how to throw and catch the ball. We found out that if you throw the ball forward it would be a fowl throw. Then we practiced the scissor technique until we got the hang of it. We cannot wait for the tournament that is coming up to see who will get chosen. Here are the stars of the lesson, well done girls!

By Crew McLoughlin Bloggers

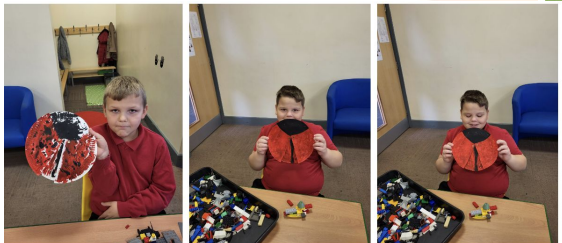


## Outdoors at Carcroft



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Coach Mick helping us to keep fit and develop our crew building skills on a Wednesday!



Miss Haddock continues to make outdoor learning fun and exciting.





## Attendance for this week...

### Current School Attendance is ....

W/E 22/09/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew Emmerson (FS2)*	100
Crew Pashley (Y1/2)*	100
Crew Boswell (Y5)	99.14
Crew Godley (Y2)	97.73
Crew Hamill (Y3/4)	96.43
Crew Dorman (FS1)	96.32
Crew Thompson (Y3)	96.32
Crew MI (Y5)	94.23
Crew Robson (Y2)	94.12
Crew Shields (Y4)	93.23
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	91.38
Crew Marsh (Y1)*	89.29
Crew MW (FS2)	87.86
Crew Lyons (Y3/4/5)*	60.42

Well done to Crew  
Emmerson/ Crew  
Pashley and to Crew  
Boswell

Impressive work  
Crew Godley/Crew  
Hamill/ Crew  
Dorman and Crew  
Thompson too.

All above 96%

Let's try for 96% next  
week Crew MI/ Robson/  
Shields and McLoughlin!



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Just a  
reminder of  
our School  
Attendance  
Target- 96%

Just a reminder  
that to achieve 96%  
for the year that  
children must not  
be absent for more  
than 6 or 7 days in a  
year.