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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 2,
Week 1

30th October 2023

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



Dates for the forthcoming week

Autumn 2 Diary Dates

<i>What?</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>Which year groups/crews?</i>
Drax in-school visiting Y5 and Y6 (Expedition Expert)	Monday 6th November 9.30	Y5/6
Drax Power Station Trip Y5 and Y6	Tuesday 7th November 9am-2.45	Y5/6
Diwali Dance Workshop for EYFS (In school)	Wednesday 8th November	EYFS
Parent Voice/ Community Meeting/ Help us to continue to improve our school	Thursday 9th November - 8.45	All
Social Media Kindness Day/ Crew Focus linked to E-Safety (In school)	Thursday 9th November	All year groups
South Yorkshire Police- Talk to Y5 and Y6 about internet safety (In school)	Friday 10th November	Y5/6



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Next Week...

Anti- Bullying Week Starts

Monday 13th- Odd Socks day



Keeping Safe at Carcroft

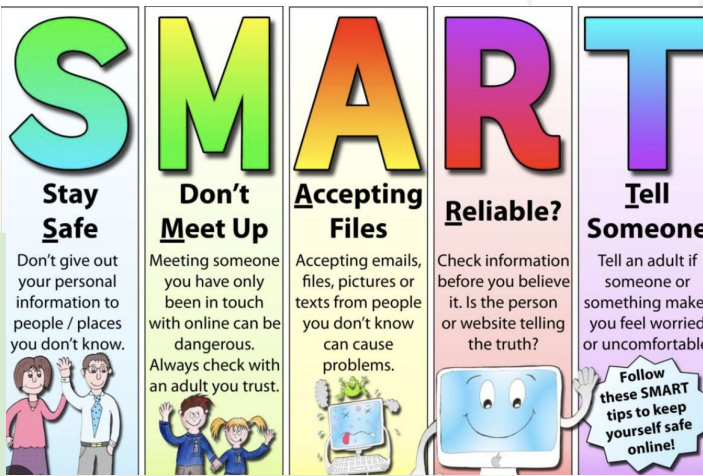
E-Safety Focus

We recommend parents and carers follow the internet safety checklist shown (taken from Internet Matters)

-Agree boundaries Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

-Explore together The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online.

-Use airplane mode Use airplane mode on your devices when your child is using them so they can't make any unapproved purchases or interact with anyone online without your knowledge.



The SMART acronym is presented in large, colorful letters. Each letter has a corresponding icon: 'S' is a person, 'M' is a person with a speech bubble, 'A' is a document, 'R' is a computer monitor, and 'T' is a person. Below each letter is a short definition. To the right of the letters is a circular logo for Carcroft School CS and a call to action bubble that says 'Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!'.

S	M	A	R	T
Stay Safe	Don't Meet Up	Accepting Files	Reliable?	Tell Someone
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!



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- Put yourself in control Install parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident

-Search safely Use safe search engines such as Swiggle or Kids-search. You can save time by adding these to your 'Favourites'. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as YouTube.

-Check if it's suitable The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram. Although sites aimed at under-10s like Moshi Monsters and Club Penguin also have social networking elements.

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.

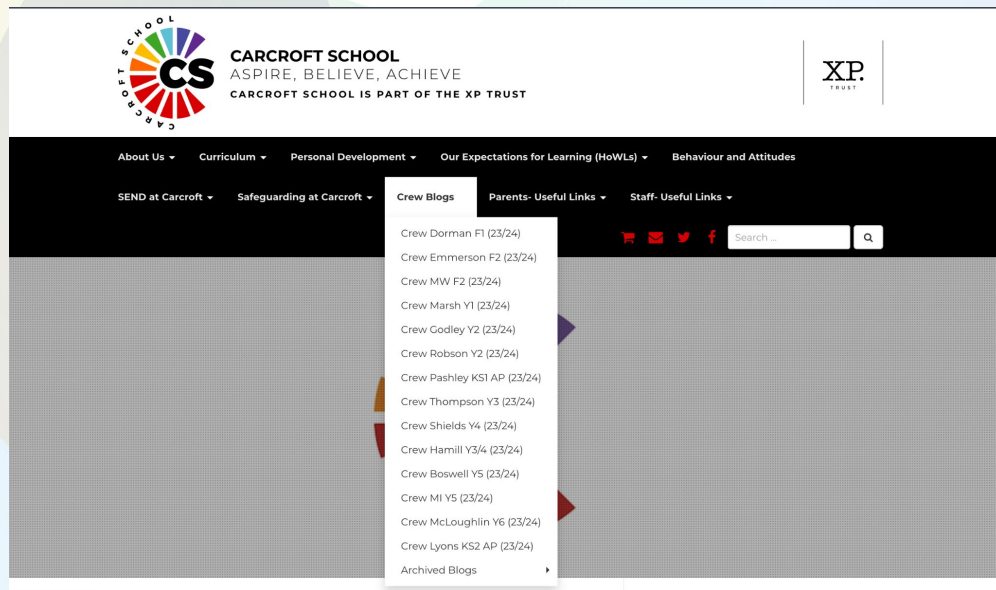
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

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!

In Crew Haddock, we are working hard to develop our character with a particular focus on developing our social skills and in particular working with a friend.

Character Growth (Crew)

Lego therapy 🧑‍🎓

📅 31st October 2023 👤 Susan White

This morning in Crew Haddock, We used our Listening and communication skills to followed and give Lego instructions to build Lego models.



Yesterday was a successful crew session, it was the first challenge crew where every child applied what they have learnt in other crew sessions around team work, such as respectfully disagreeing, valuing everyone's opinion, compromising and communicating. They blew me and Mrs Rhodes away! Keep it up Crew!



Character Growth (Crew)



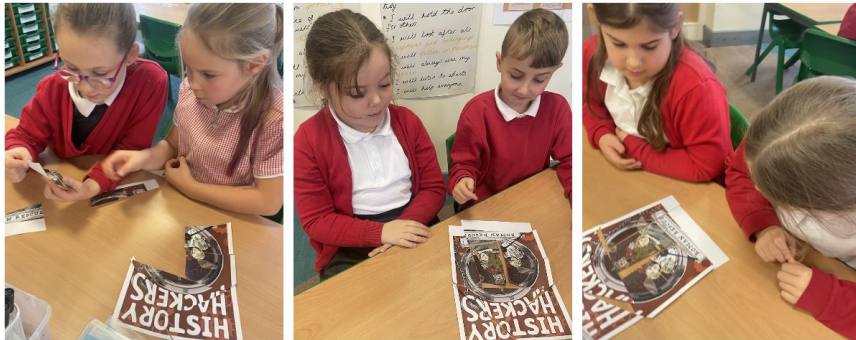
Getting crew right!
We have worked hard during Autumn 1 on working together as a crew and Crew McLoughlin are already demonstrating their ability to do this on their first week back in Autumn 2. You make us proud Crew McLoughlin.



History Hackers

📅 30th October 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

Today we have started a new book in reading called History Hackers Roman Rescue. First, we completed a jigsaw of the front cover and unpicked the title and author of the book. We then discussed the front cover and made some predictions about what the book could be about. We started to read chapter one whilst text marking the important information.



Academic Success- Reading

Getting stuck into our
new text in Crew
Thompson.



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Predictions and text marking in
Chapter 1.

Great to see Crew Thompson
Getting Smart during the first
week back.



Reading helps us to get smart!

These amazing pupils have been reading most nights at home.

You make us all so proud :)



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

Dr. Seuss



Reading

Experience Day in KS1!

We have loved our experience days this week.



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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- Writing

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

Crew Godley and KS1 have been doing lots of drama/ getting into role before Writing.

Getting our ideas ready for writing by acting out parts of the story whilst recapping our History knowledge.

This helps us to recall our new History facts whilst building our ideas ready for when we start our sentences.

In today's experience lesson we explored what it would be like to be Vlad the Flee hiding for cover once Florence and the nurses began cleaning the dirty hospital. He was very good at hiding! We checked the mouldy food which he hadn't touched. We'd observed what happened to food in clean and dirty hospitals. It was pretty awful! Which led to some wonderful discussions around Vlad and the mo he ate.



Academic Success- Maths

In **Maths**, Crew MW in EYFS have been really focussing upon more and less to compare groups.

We worked really hard to get smart during that lesson to really understand what these words mean.

Keep up the great Maths work Crew MW.

Maths in Crew MW!

📅 2nd November 2023 👤 A Welburn

This week, we have been grouping objects and talking about similarities and differences in maths! We've used our natural objects to create groups, and used the language, 'more than' and 'less than' to compare the groups.



Academic Success- Maths

In **Maths**, Crew MI have been working hard on fractions.

We learned lots of new knowledge as Mrs Ibbotson modelled this to us and then we had a go, this helped us to grasp the concept with her support.

It also helped because we worked with our peers to talk through our understanding so it really stuck!

Comparing and ordering fractions in Crew MI

📅 2nd November 2023 👤 Emily Ibbotson

This morning we worked really hard and have been exploring our fraction wall. At first we thought that the bigger the number, the bigger the fraction but we soon learnt that was not the case. Actually, the bigger the denominator, the smaller the fraction.



Using our senses – smell, touch and sight to explore pumpkins outdoors. What a lot of fun!

📅 2nd November 2023 👤 Jemma Dorman



Using our senses in Crew Dorman...

Not only did we use our senses, we practised using a range of tools to explore the pumpkins.

We used the tools to 'hammer' golf tees into the pumpkins and this really helped to strengthen our fine motor skills.

What a fab session!

The Lady of the lamp

 2nd November 2023  Lauren Marsh

In today's experience lesson we read about how Florence Nightingale looked after the poorly soldiers when it got dark. We learnt she was also called the lady of the lamp as she carried a lamp around with her in the evening. In our experience lesson we all created our own lamp to be able to be just like Florence. It was a tricky cutting and sticking task but we all followed the instructions.



Expedition in KS1



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Our KS1 have been continue to study **History**.

They continue to consider what life was like in the past with a focus on the life of a famous lady: Florence Nightingale.


KS1 have been considering why she was a hero in order to help us to answer our guiding question:

What can I do to be a hero in my community?



Practicing our aim

📅 2nd November 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

This afternoon Crew Thompson started dodgeball in PE. We focussed on developing our aim as this is a key component in a dodgeball game. We first had a hoop on the floor that we had to aim for. Then this progresses to picking the hoop up and moving it. We discussed how the throw would change depending on speed and distance. We can't wait to keep developing our dodgeball skills and eventually play a huge game! 

We have two PE lessons each week.

One with Active Fusion, Sports Coach- Luke and one with our Teacher.

Here Crew Thompson are practising their dodgeball skills.



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Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is

W/E 03/11/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew Haigh* (FS2)	100
Crew Pashley* (Year 1/2)	100
Crew Shields (Y4)	99.58
Crew Godley (Y2)	98.18
Crew Boswell (Y5)	97.93
Crew Hamill (Y3/4/5)	95.88
Crew Marsh (Y1)	95.86
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	93.79
Crew MW (FS2)	92.35
Crew Thompson (Y3)	91.76
Crew MI (Y5)	91.43
Crew Dorman (FS1)	91.05
Crew Haddock* (Y3/4/5)	90.00
Crew Robson (Y2)	88.13

Just a reminder of our School Attendance Target- 96%

Autumn 1 Attendance came out as 95% which is great for the first half term.

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.