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## Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 2,  
Week 6

4th December 2023

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



## Dates for the forthcoming week

### Autumn 2 Diary Dates

<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b>	<i>Which year groups/crews?</i>
Non-uniform day - bottle donation for Christmas Fayre	<b>Monday 18th December</b>	All pupils
Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carol Concert	<b>Tuesday 19th December-9am</b>	Y5 & Y6
KS1 Nativity Play	<b>Wednesday 20th December-9:15am</b>	Y1 & Y2
Christmas Party Day	<b>Thursday 21st December -am</b>	All pupils
Christmas Fayre	<b>Thursday 21st December -2pm</b>	Pupils - Can be collected at 1:50pm
Last Day of Term / School closes for the Christmas break	<b>Friday 22nd December</b>	All pupils



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### Next Week...

**School reopens Monday 8th January**



## 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.

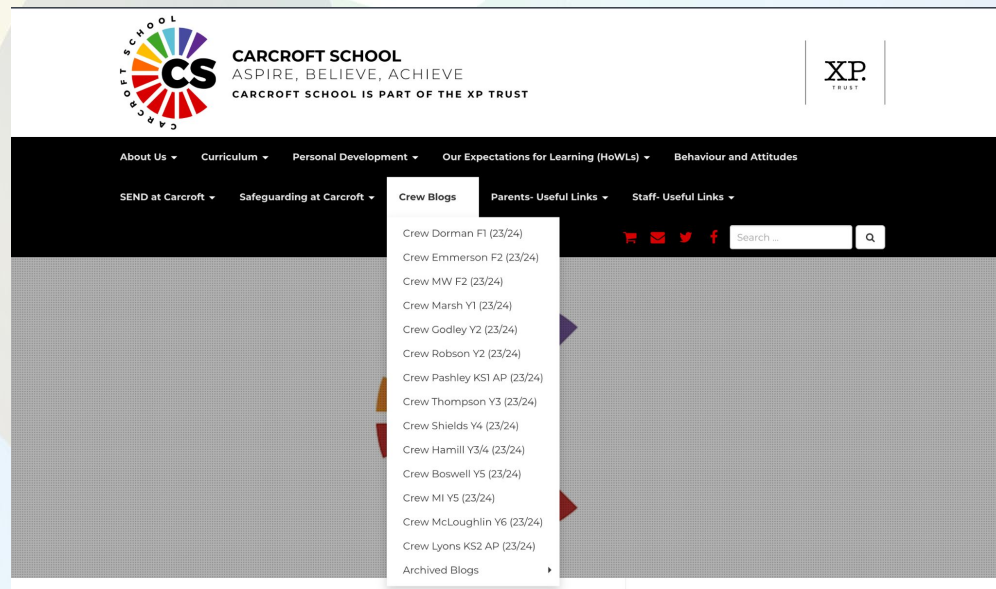
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

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!

## Character Growth (Crew)



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KS1 have been busy wrapping presents today to donate to Hallam FM's Christmas Mission. We are so proud of the children showing such kindness and compassion.





## Character Growth (Crew)



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We asked pupils, 'What is crew?' this week...

It makes us more mindful people, we explore the wider world and how to have healthy minds, supporting each other.

**Ellie and Millie**

I enjoy stewardship crew when we look after the school grounds.

**Harley**

Citizenship crew looks at Britain and how we can be good citizens. We also look after the environment.

**Amelia**

We circle up so we can see each other, express feelings and if someone needs our help we can give them advice and ideas.

**Brianna**



Celebrating  
Beautiful Work  
across school

## Character Growth (Crew)



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**WOW! Just look at  
the proud smiles  
of our pupils this  
week.**

**Well done guys!**



## Academic Success- Reading

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



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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.





## Star Reader - Books and Breakfast Celebration



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Our star readers this week are...

We enjoyed talking about what books we are reading at the moment whilst eating our digestive biscuits. And look at those lovely Christmas jumpers too!





## Academic Success- Reading



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Crew Robson continued to read *The Smartest Giant in Town*. The next characters that George meets are a family of mice whose house has burned down. For an experience lesson, the children made mice out of paper. As the children were making the animals, they were discussing what they could remember about the characters from the book.



## Academic Success- Reading

In Crew Marsh's experience lesson, they each made their own tin foil boat to see if it floated on water. As a mini maths task, they balanced coins in the boat to make it even harder. After that, they *chotted* ideas to think about what actions George did, what he could see and then how he might of felt after giving his shirt to the goat to use as a sail on his boat.

Miss Marsh said, "We love singing the song for each plot point."



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## A goat in a boat 🐐 ⚓

📅 4th December 2023 👤 Laura Godley

Date: Monday 4th December

Book: The Smartest Giant in Town

After George leaves the giraffe he meets a goat in a boat with a big problem! The goat has lost the sail on his boat and he is stuck. We made our own foil boats and a sail from a shirt to ensure the goat could get on his way!





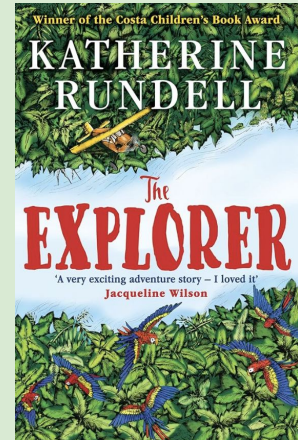
## Academic Success- Reading



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Crew Boswell are really enjoying their class read... 'Explorer' and are taking it in turns each day to read a bit to the class. This has been really effective in improving our fluency and expression.



## Academic Success- Writing

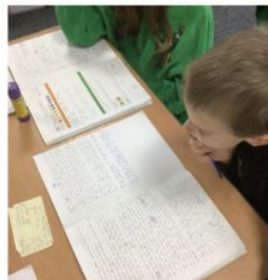
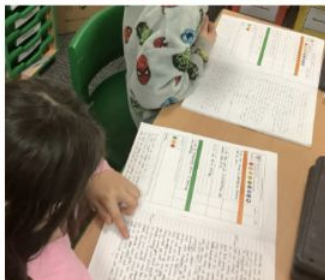
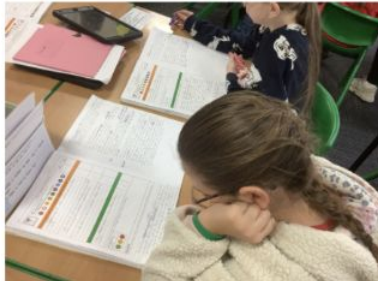
We aspire for our pupils to leave us achieving the best they can academically across the curriculum.

Fantastic to see Y6 revising their writing based on critique. I praise how you have partnered up to work together when improving your writing. Working hard together!

I can also see how you have used a range of resources to help you improve your writing: Miss McLoughlin's model on the working wall, gold and green standards and of course, you have used each other as a resource too!



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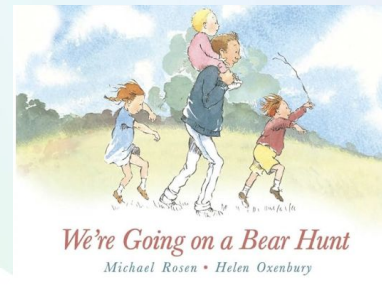


## Academic Success- Maths

### Prepositional language in FS2



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In maths, Crew MW read the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. They used the language, 'over', 'under' and 'through' to describe what the characters were doing. After they learnt the vocabulary, the children built the story using small world resources and showed how the characters moved through the story, using our new vocabulary to describe what they were doing.







In Crew Pashley, the superstar of the week is Charlie! Charlie has been working hard in maths this week and even asked to do extra questions. Miss Pashley and Mrs Brown are so proud of him for wanting to get smart.



# Academic Success- Maths



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Y2 have started a new maths unit all about money. To recap what they learnt in Y1, they matched coins and amounts and then played a game on the iPad to reinforce their learning.

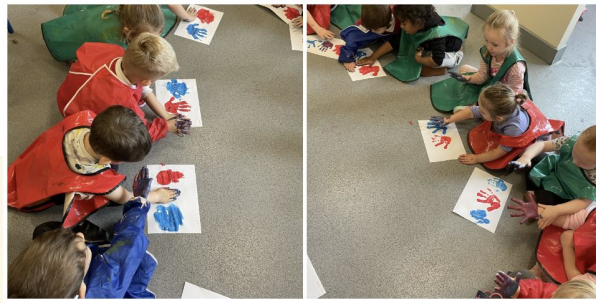
We know how important it is for our children to understand the amounts of money, such a crucial life skill. Well done Crew Robson.





# Expedition in FS2

## Art



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Crew MW started their Christmas artwork! The skill we are focussing on is colour mixing... I can see you had lots of fun using your hands to print!



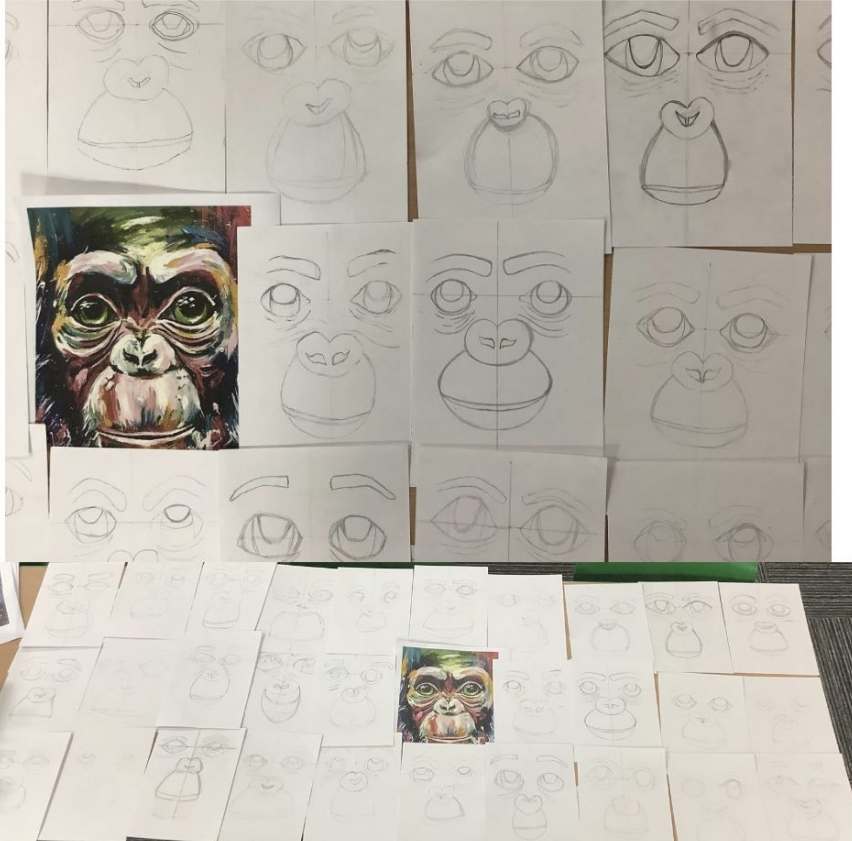


## Expedition in UKS2

### Art



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Just WOW!

I praise the accuracy in your sketching Crew McLoughlin. It's clear that you have really taken your time on this piece of work.

Miss Mc said, "Shout out to Kaylum for being my art expert and practising his artwork at home prior to the lesson - he did a great job of helping everyone and his art piece was definitely better than mine!"



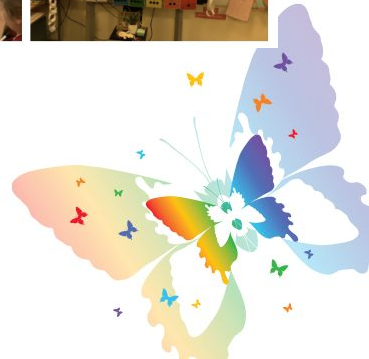
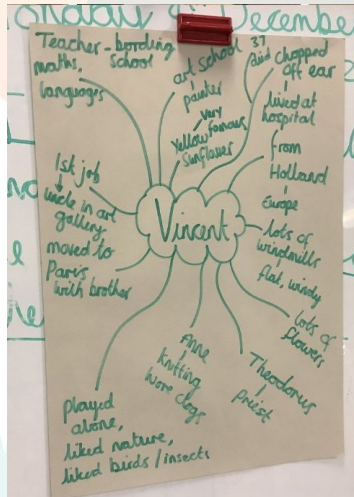
# Expedition in UKS2

Art



Stunning art pieces from Crew MI. Not only are you focusing on your art but Mrs McClare also said how resilient you all were. Great work!

I praise how you have explored the artist Vincent Van Gogh before your learning began!







**Y5 Christmas Carol practicing their songs**





# Music – Crew Hamill, Crew Shields and Crew Thompson



📅 5th December 2023 👤 Sarah Mcglone

This morning we have been perfecting our Christmas performance songs. We have been looking at making sure we are singing in time to the beat, adding in body percussion where needed, and getting the lyrics absolutely spot on! It is sounding really beautiful – we just need to keep practising our lines at home so that the whole performance really comes together ready for next week!

We finished off by continuing to learn how to play the recorder. We applied our knowledge of the notes B and A and put them into a short piece of music. We clapped out the rhythm before adding the instruments. Great work! 🎵



## ⚙️ Moving Fingers B and A

Now that we can play the two notes B and A, we need to practise moving from one to another. We can keep the thumb and first finger pressed down for both notes, but need to move the second finger up and down smoothly to change the note.



### Your turn

Practise playing B and A by moving your second finger up and down. Keep your breathing gentle and check your fingers completely cover the holes. Don't forget to use your tongue to separate the notes.

## 🎵 Apples and Bananas

Let's learn to play a tune on our recorders using the two notes B and A.

		<b>AA</b> Apples	<b>AB</b> and ba	<b>B</b> - na -	<b>B</b> nas,	<b>B</b> some	<b>A</b> and	<b>B</b> see,	_____
		<b>AA</b> Apples	<b>AB</b> and ba	<b>B</b> - na -	<b>A</b> nas,	<b>A</b> all	<b>B</b> for	<b>A</b> mel	_____

1. Clap and say the words.
2. Have a go at playing the tune.





This week Crew Boswell had lots of fun exploring how to insert sound clips using scratch. They recorded sounds and then coded these so that the sprites were saying or playing them.



## Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is ....

W/E 08/12/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew Boswell (Y5)	98.28
Crew Marsh (Y1)	96.90
Crew Thompson (Y3)	96.88
Crew MI (Y5)	96.43
Crew Hamill (Y3/4)	95.29
Crew Dorman (FS1)	93.33
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	92.00
Crew Haddock (Y3/4/5)	91.67
Crew Godley (Y2)	90.91
Crew Robson (Y2)	90.00
Crew Pashley (Y1/2)	90.00
Crew MW (FS2)	89.41
Crew Shields (Y4)	89.17
Crew Haigh (FS2)	87.50

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.