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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 2,
Week 8

18th December 2023

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



Dates for the forthcoming week

Spring 1 Diary Dates

What?	When?	<i>Which year groups/crews?</i>
School reopens to pupils	Monday 8th January	All pupils
Young Voices Concert	Monday 8th January	Pupils who have already received letters/paid for the concert
International Thank You Day	Thursday 11th January	All pupils
UKS2 Autumn Celebration of Learning	Friday 12th January 2:45 - 3:15pm	UKS2 - Y5 & Y6
Autumn Term-100% Attendance Breakfast	Friday 12th January 8:50 - 9:30am	Children who have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term will receive an invite



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Next Week...

Friday 19th January - School closed for Staff Day



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.

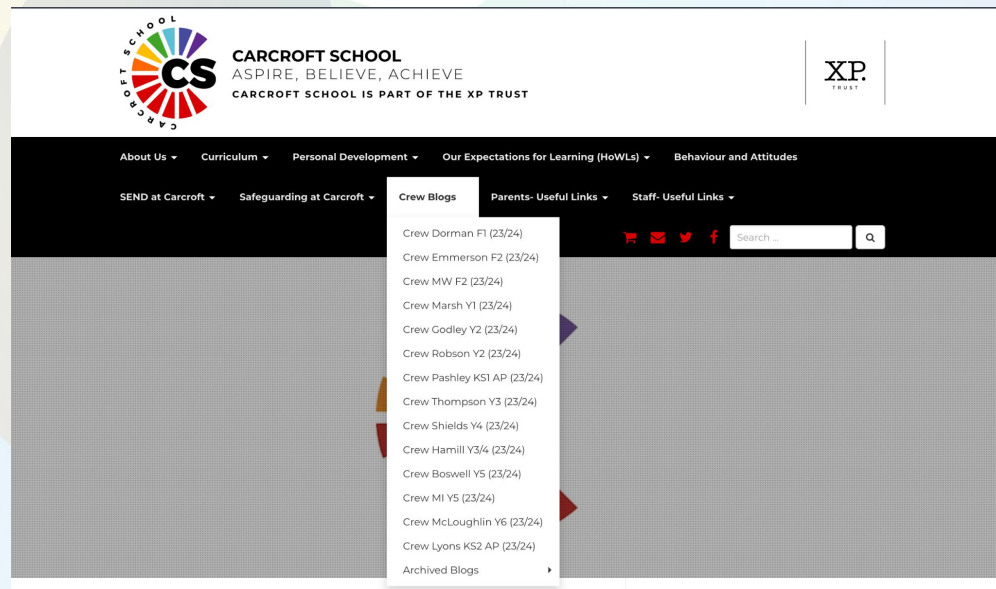
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

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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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- Reading

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

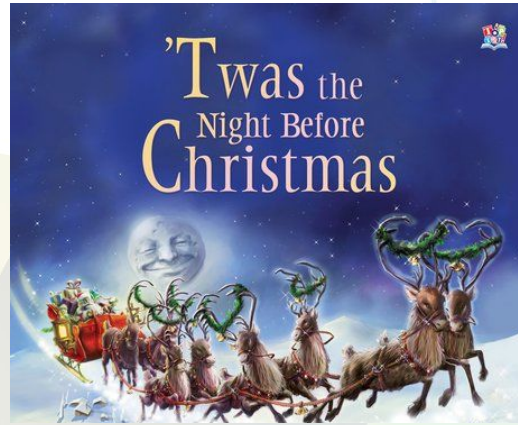
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plum danced in their heads,
 And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
 Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

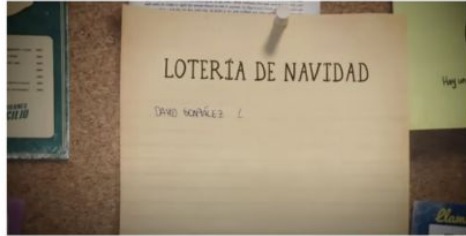
asleep
 animal
 move / make a noise
 rhyming words
 big sock for presents wrapped up knickerdief (scarf) jumped wooden blinds on the horizon glow of the sun
 santa faeries dancing garden noise
 simile open the window tiny / small not focussed looking around
 ground
 smile



This week, Crew Thompson have started reading the poem, "Twas the night before Christmas". The children have really enjoyed looking deeper into this poem and text marking the important information.

Text marking is a reading skill we use to unpick vocabulary or meaning of phrases in a text. Here, Crew T have worked together to discuss what the poem means. Another crew building on inference skills this week!

Academic Success- Reading



During book talk, Crew McLoughlin were given some clues to infer from. They had a 'silent conversation' to explore what they thought about the clues given. Children were using inference skills to generate predictions for their reading based on the photos here.

They worked well as a group to build on each others ideas as well as their own. Great teamwork!

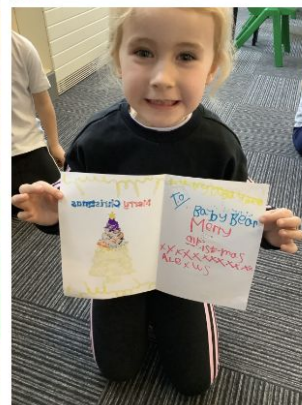
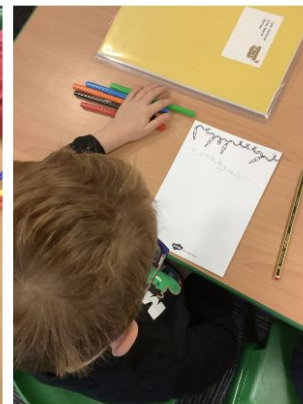
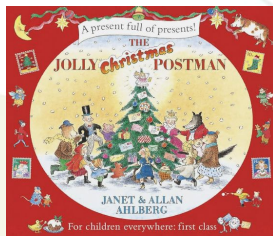
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Y1 started christmas writing by reading the Christmas Jolly Postman. He firstly delivered a christmas card to baby bear at the three bears house, therefore they decorated a card for baby bear and then delivered it to their house. They noticed Mummy bear decorating a christmas tree and enjoying some warm, delicious porridge.



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Hard work doesn't stop for Crew McLoughlin.

Their grammar session this week was unpicking the difference between formal and informal language.

They worked in pairs to compare the differences and were able to explain how vocabulary can change the formality of writing!



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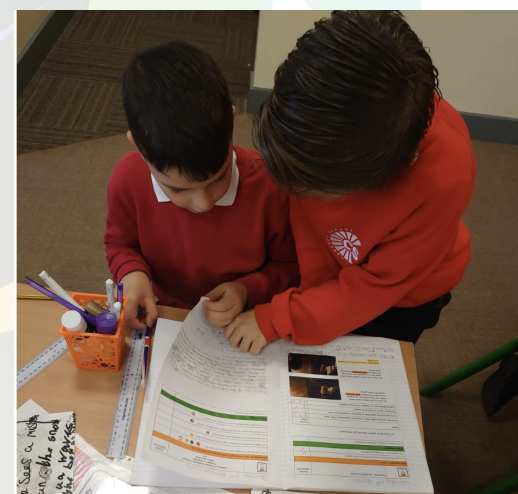
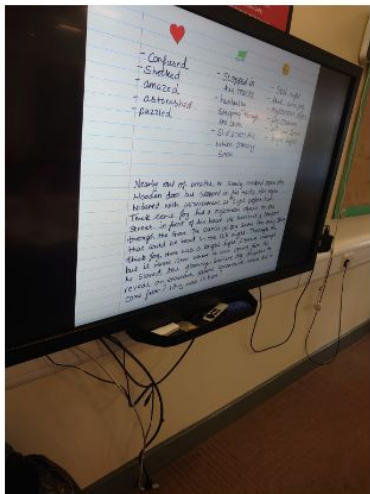
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Crew Shields have finished their Christmas writing!

The children spent some time reading their writing aloud to their peers to ensure that it was punctuated accurately and that it made sense. Miss Shields said, 'This has been their best piece yet where children met all the learning targets and showed some stamina for writing. I'm excited to see what their next piece brings..'

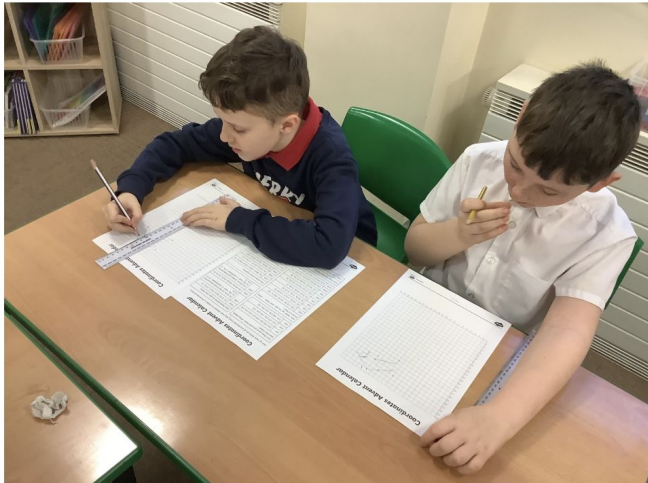


Academic Success- Maths



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Today Y5 learned how to plot coordinates. They then applied their knowledge to a festive coordinates activity!



Wider Curriculum Art



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During the past few weeks at Carcroft School, children have embarked on an Art Slice practicing their painting skills.

Each crew has chosen an artist to focus on and create a piece of artwork relating to their chosen artist.

We are so proud of the hard work, resilience and focus that our pupils have shown over this slice of work. Not all children find art easy so it is fantastic to see how they have persisted and continued to work hard in finishing their final piece.

Pupils have created multiple drafts, given peer critique and finally create their own final piece.

Have a look at the beautiful work they have produced...



FS1 – Art in process – Printing for Christmas!

📅 15th December 2023 👤 Jemma Dorman

For the last two weeks we have been very busy starting our Christmas art work. We looked at lots of different card designs with prints on and decided we would like to try finger printing our own cards for Christmas. We tested out our prints last week and practiced printing along the line in groups using different coloured printing pads. This week we explored colour mixing using red, blue and yellow to make orange, green and purple. Next week, we are going to further improve our work, as we thought we would like to use the colours we had mixed for our final print! We will have three re-drafts when we are finished! Phew! Watch this space our Christmas cards are going to be fantastic!

Crew Dorman working hard to print on the lines in their art session. What lovely christmas lights you have made!



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Fruity Display Art



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📅 17th December 2023 👤 Eleanor Pashley

Charlie and Ates had a great time on Friday helping to paint some fruit for the new KS1 expedition displays. They used sponges to help create texture on the fruit cut outs and we used real images of the fruits to help us choose the right colours and patterns.

Crew Pashley working as a team to build their display boards together. I can see how you've explored different resources to create your fruit art.



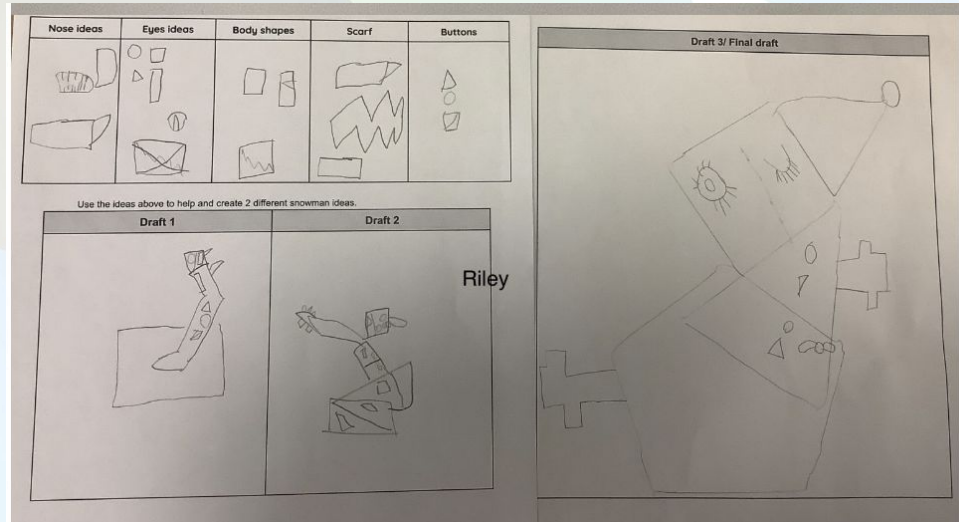
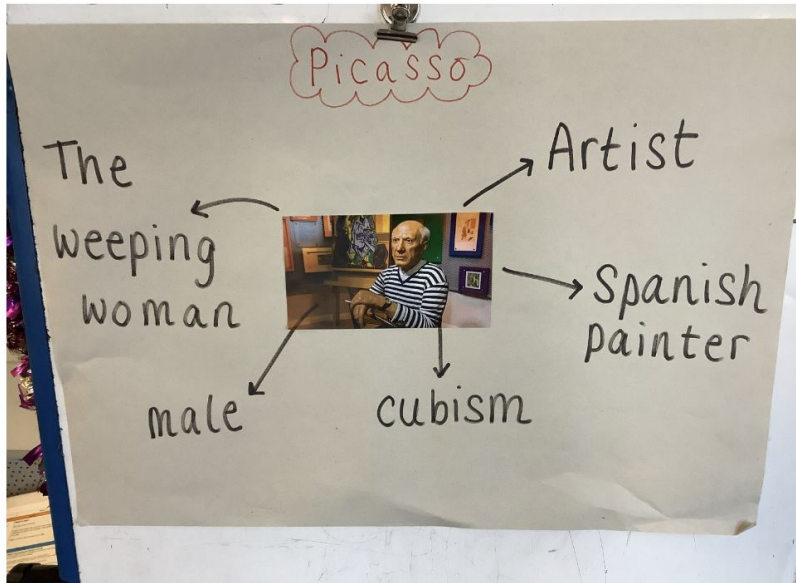
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KS1 have been exploring Picasso's life before beginning their own artwork.

Great to see you all creating multiple drafts before your final piece!



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Picasso snowmen

📅 19th December 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

In crew marsh we have finished picasso artwork, we have loved choosing different shapes and creating our snowmen in cubism form. We hope you love them as much as we do!



We love your individual designs Crew Marsh. What a great imitation of Picasso!



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Artist Critique

📅 13th December 2023 👤 Laura Hamill

Crew Hamill have continued with their art work this week, creating a second draft based on peer critique. We looked at our first drafts and gave our peers a praise, notice and wonder for them. We then used these to begin our second draft, ensuring we responded to our critique to make improvements.

Using water colours
in Crew Hamill.
Another crew who
have used peer
critique to build on
their drafts.

Lovely!



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Y5 working hard in their Art slice this week. I love how you have spent time in critiquing each others work during a 'gallery walk' before completing your final draft. Working hard!

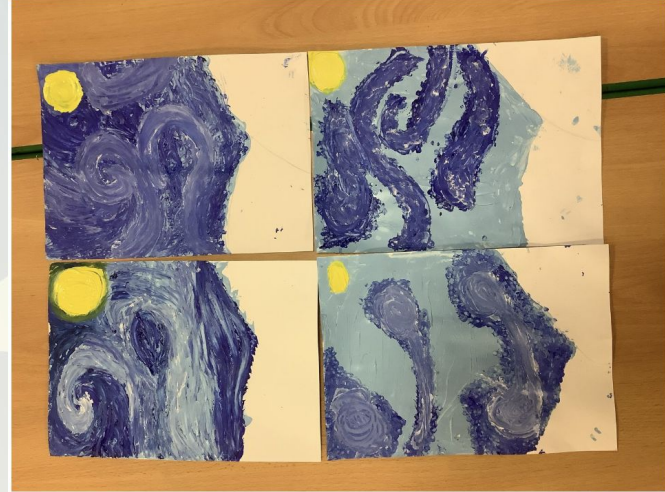


Christmas Art Slice 🎨

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📅 14th December 2023 👤 Emily Ibbotson

This week, we have started our Christmas art slice. We began by learning about the artist Vincent Van Gogh and critiqued some of his most famous pieces. We then explored and tried out different techniques using acrylic paint.



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Crew M1 have worked extremely hard in their art work... and just look at these final pieces! You all should be so proud of your calendars. There has been lots of patience and determination during your art slice - super work!



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