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**Parent Weekly
Newsletter**

**Summary of Spring 1,
Week 1**

8th January 2024

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



Dates for the forthcoming week
Spring 1 Diary Dates

| <i>What?</i> | <i>When?</i> | <i>Which year groups/crews?</i> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Staff Day; School closed to pupils | Monday 22nd January | All pupils |
| School nurse visit | Tuesday 23rd January | Y6 |
| School nurse visit | Thursday 24th January | Y5 |



Next Week...

Monday 29th January - Y6 assessment week begins

Tuesday 30th/Wednesday 31st January - LKS2 walking to recycling centre

Thursday 1st February - Y5 road safety talk

Friday 2nd February - NPSCC Number 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.

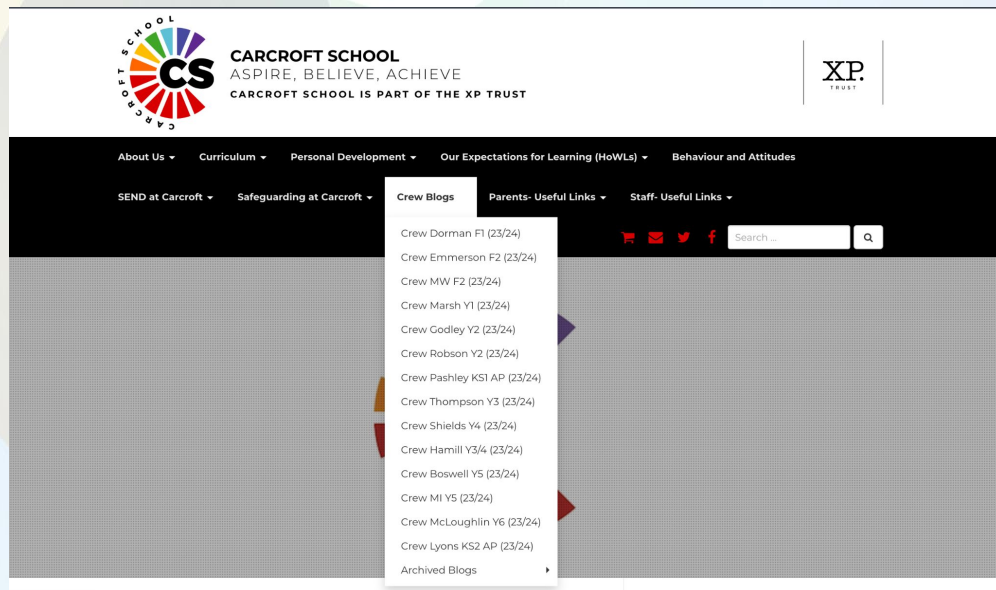
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

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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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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Well done to James for winning Crew Thompson reading competition! James has worked really hard to make sure he reads at home every day! Keep it up James, our crew are really proud of you!



Character Growth (Crew)

Human Spring – Crew Challenge!

📅 10th January 2024 👤 Sarah McGlone

In Crew Godley, we were challenged to become human springs! We had to work with a partner and lean against their outstretched arms. We then had to push back and forth several times in a comfortable, rhythmic manner. Once we had mastered it with our partner, we then changed partners and tried to see if we could get into the same rhythm.

We found it quite tricky to begin with, but we showed great resilience and tried really hard to work with different people in our crew to get it right!



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Well done Crew Godley - Great resilience here!



Character Growth (Crew)

Let's clean up our environment

📅 9th January 2024 📍 Ruth Shields

This afternoon, Crew Shields set off with their litter pickers to start cleaning up our environment. We collected lots of rubbish which will be put to use in our next expedition task. What this space...



First week back and Crew LKS2 are in the community spirit. Great start to expedition!



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.



Chapter One Meet and Greet

📅 15th January 2024 👤 Nicola Robson



Today the children in Crew Robson and Crew Godley had the pleasure of meeting their amazing Chapter One reading volunteers and finally put a face to the voice. The children read to their volunteer once a week via audio call and it is having a great impact on their reading progress. It was lovely to be able to say thank you to these wonderful people who make time in their busy jobs to read with our children.



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Wow Y2. What a fantastic idea to say thank you to the volunteers who are helping you improve your reading fluency! This is definitely demonstrating your Be Kind HoWL.

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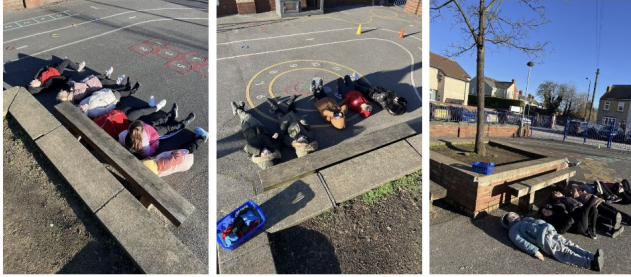
Academic Success- Reading



Hedgehog in the park

📅 15th January 2024 👤 Lauren Marsh

Today we started reading Percy the Parker keeper has a flying visit. We loved reading the first part of the book and experience what it must have felt like when the hedgehog was chilling under the tree in the park until bonkers fell down and bashed his head.



We looked up at the sky and shared what we could see, we then acted out what the hedgehog might have done when the conkers fell.

Making books come to life in EYFS and KS1!

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

📅 12th January 2024 👤 A Welburn

Today in Crew MW, we hooked into our first story – The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We found a map in our classroom with a red X on it and some words explaining that we needed to ‘trip trap over’...After lots of discussion and a closer look at the map, we worked out that the map was showing our outdoor area, and that we needed to trip trap over the bridge! We had lots of feelings in our classroom before going outside. Some of us felt scared, worried and nervous, and some of us felt really excited! As we trip trapped over the bridge as a crew, we suddenly heard a big, scary voice from under the bridge shouting, ‘Who’s that trip trapping over my bridge?’ It was a TROLL!! We quickly ran inside to safety where we found a story had been left for us. It was The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We read through the story together and decided that the troll was very scary indeed! I wonder what we will get up to next week...





Polar Bear Reading Challenge

📅 12th January 2024 👤 Laura Hamill

Crew Hamill have been set a brand new reading challenge!! Each member of our crew has their own polar bear that they need to try and save from sinking on the disappearing iceberg 🧊 Every time they read at home, their polar bear takes one footstep closer to the safety of shore! The first person to the safe iceberg wins a prize! And every polar bear that doesn't suffer the dreadful fate of many polar bears by making it onto a paw print will also be rewarded! 🐻🧊📖 Who will be first to the top?!



Good luck Crew Hamill. Get reading!



Academic Success- Writing

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



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Crew Pashley creating their instructions for making jam sandwiches for the hook into their expedition!





Decimals in MI

📅 15th January 2024 👤 Stacey McClare

Today we looked at tenths in our maths lesson. We had such a positive attitude throughout the entire lesson which allowed us to move onto some problem solving questions at the end of the lesson. Keep this up MI 😊

I can see you working hard to get smart here Crew MI! Understanding decimals is super important life skill. It will help you understand amounts of money which we use every day!



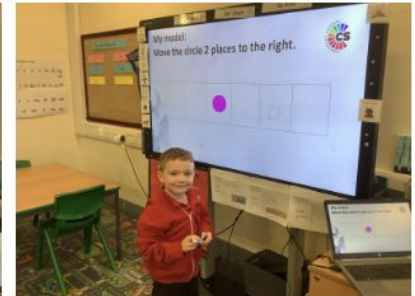


Do you know your left from right? ➡️ ⬅️

📅 11th January 2024 👤 Laura Godley

Crew Godley practicing their positional language! Another mathematic life skill that we all need!

Crew Godley have been working really hard this week to develop their understanding of positional language, including left, right, forwards and backwards. We have been sending our selves dizzy! We have played lots of games including Simon says, the children can't wait to challenge their grown ups at home.



Academic Success- Maths



Another maths session that will help us in our life skills. We use measures to compare and contrast lots of different items in everyday life.



Maths(Measuring)

6th January 2024 Tracy Haddock

In Crew Haddock we have been learning how to measure different items and people using different resources. We worked together as a crew.

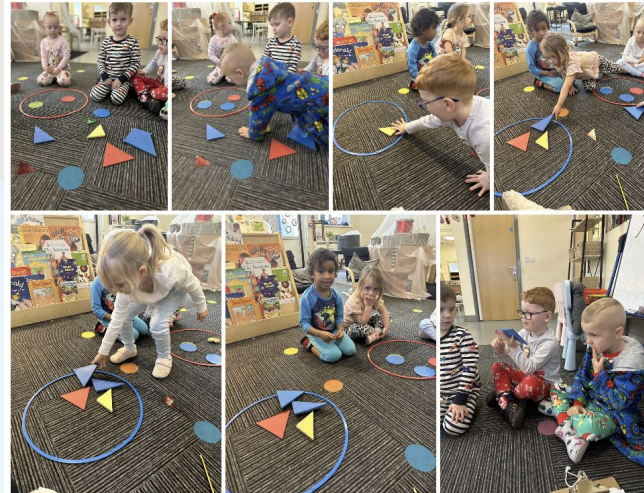


Maths in Crew MW

6th January 2024 Sarah Mcglone

Some recent maths learning that has been taking place in Crew MW.

Sorting shapes – circle or triangle? We discussed what makes a circle a circle and what makes a triangle a triangle. We then used these descriptions to decide whether the shapes needed to go in the circle group or the triangle group. We then investigated items around the classroom and found examples of circles and triangles.



Great discussions going on in Crew MW. Finding examples of shapes in our classrooms can be so much fun!





Spring expeditions have began!

EYFS: Once Upon A Time - Who is hiding the pages of this book?

KS1: The Blue Planet: How will what I do today impact the world tomorrow?

LKS2: There is no planet B: How can we protect our wonderful world?

Power of Change: How Has the 19th Century Influenced Lives Today?



Wider Curriculum Hook Week

KS1 subjects for their Spring expedition are Geography, Science and Art.



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We are Geographers 🌍

📅 15th January 2024 👤 Nicola Robson

Today we began our brand new expedition by being geographers.

We recapped some of our previous learning from year 1 and talked about human and physical features. I was very impressed by how much you could all remember. Great work Crew Robson.



Exploring Antarctica 🗺️

📅 11th January 2024 👤 Laura Godley

Today we discovered the continent of Antarctica in our experience lesson.

We started exploring Antarctica and discovered some really interesting facts, for example it has the second most southern, active volcano and the largest sheet of ice in the world!

We then had a snowball fight, working in teams to protect our bases.



We then tried a nice warm hot chocolate and a traditional sledge biscuit.



Experiencing Africa 🇿🇦

📅 10th January 2024 👤 Nicola Robson

Today we discovered the country of Africa in our experience lesson.

We started with 'Waka, Waka' which the children already know and love.



We then tried lots of different and unusual fruits.





Treasure hunt

📅 12th January 2024 👤 Tracy Haddock

In Crew Haddock, the children worked together to find the 7 clues to work out our guiding question for expedition-'How can we protect our wonderful world?'. They used the 4 points of a compass to work out which direction they had to go in 🗺️



How can we protect our Wonderful World?

📅 15th January 2024 👤 Kate Thompson

On Friday, we completed our compass lesson to try to find the clues to work out our guiding question. Children had a map of the school grounds and clues to follow for example, 23 steps North. Children worked really well as crew to find all the clues. We then went back inside and figured out the guiding question. We were so excited to find out our guiding question for this expedition is "How can we protect our Wonderful World?"





MI's finished sculptures

📅 15th January 2024 👤 Stacey McClare

We are all super proud of our sculptures and are looking forward to displaying them for everyone to see 😊



Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is ...

| W/E 12/01/24 | Attendance Figure % |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Crew MW* (FS2) | 98.75 |
| Crew Pashey (Y1/2) | 96.67 |
| Crew Shields (Y3/4) | 96.52 |
| Crew Thompson (Y3) | 96.47 |
| Crew Dorman (FS1) | 96.43 |
| Crew Robson (Y2) | 95.71 |
| Crew Boswell (Y5) | 95.17 |
| Crew Hamill (Y3/4) | 93.89 |
| Crew Godley (Y2) | 93.64 |
| Crew Haddock* (Y3/4/5) | 93.33 |
| Crew McLoughlin (Y6) | 91.23 |
| Crew MI (Y5) | 90.00 |
| Crew Marsh (Y1) | 90.00 |
| Crew Haigh (FS2) | 82.50 |

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.