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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Spring 1,
Week 3

22nd January 2024

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



Dates for the forthcoming week (Week 5)

Spring 1 Diary Dates

What?	When?	<i>Which year groups/crews?</i>
Children's mental health week	All week	All pupils
Reptile Rendezvous and Furry Friends visit	Monday 5th February	KS1
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6th February	All pupils
Celebrating Chinese New Year	Friday 9th February	All pupils
School closes for half term break	Friday 9th February	All pupils



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Next Week...

Spring 2 - Week 1

Monday 19th February - School reopens



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.

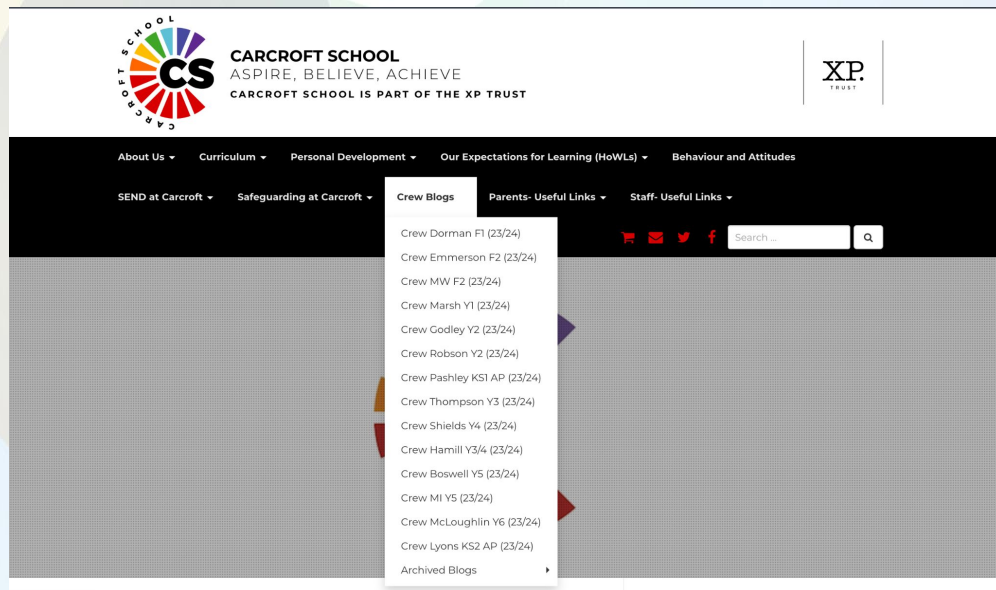
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

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!

This morning, we had lots of fun whilst working on our communication and listening skills. We were able to play lots of different games where we worked as a team to achieve a common goal. We can't wait for next week's session - Miss Thompson

Character Growth (Crew)



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Crew Thompson working as mini crews in Scotty's PE session...



Character Growth (Crew)



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Citizenship Crew: KS1 exploring how to keep safe in our homes.

The children were very articulate and identified many hazards, including how to keep safe in the kitchen – not cooking without an adult, never touching electrical items or drinking something they may be unsure of. Some fantastic collaboration and group discussions. Well done!



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.

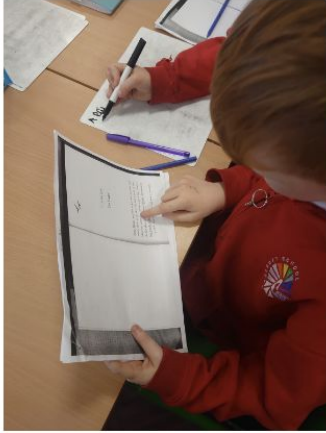
Please can we ask that children are reading their book at home for 10 minutes per day and at least 3 x per week/ ideally 4 times a week.



Academic Success- Reading



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Crew Shields text marking and unpicking unknown vocabulary. It's great to hear you are working in pairs to discuss the texts too!



Academic Success- Reading



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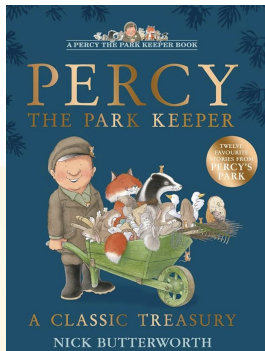
Hedgehog to the rescue

 24th January 2024  Laura Godley

Date: Wednesday 24th January 2024

Book: Percy the Park keeper and the flying visit.

Today we experienced how the hedgehog felt running so quickly up the steps to find Percy's first aid bag to help Carla. We raced against each other to the top of the stairs to rummage in the bag to find a plaster to fix Carla's poorly head. It was hard work! We could imagine how hard the hedgehog's legs felt after running all that way!



Academic Success- Library visits and Star Reader Breakfast

Crew MW's library visit!

📅 26th January 2024 📍 A Welburn

This week, we chose to read 'Slug needs a hug!' when we visited the library. We loved talking about why slug should like the way he looks and that he shouldn't change to look like someone else, because it would be very boring if we all looked the same!



Well done to this weeks Star Readers! We had lots of pupils celebrated for reading at home this week, and as a result of this, some of the pupils reading ages have increased. Great work!



Academic Success- Writing

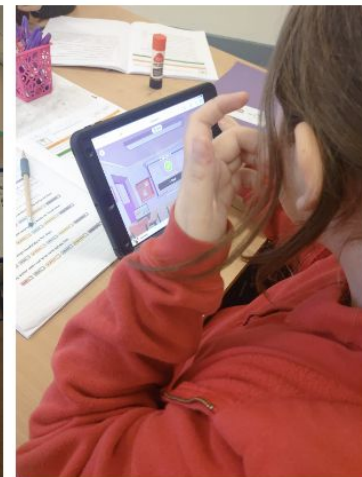
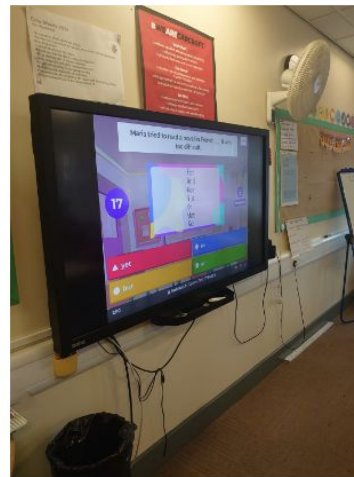
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Crew Shields consolidating their grammar learning through a kahoot interactive quiz!

What a fun way to check your understanding!



Kahoot!



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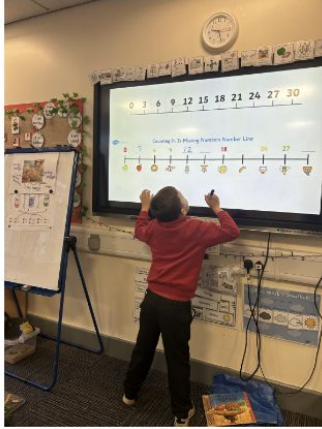
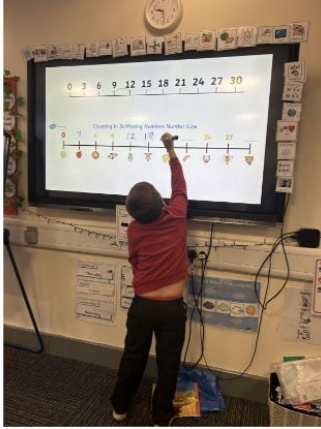
Mrs Godley is so proud of the presentation in Crew Godley this week. The children wrote with pride and Mrs G is excited to get your writing displayed in school.

Beautiful work
Crew Godley!

Academic Success- Maths



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Crew Pashley counting in 3s and exploring different shapes.

I notice you are practicing your independent cutting skills too - great job!



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Crew MW exploring capacity. I notice you were using containers to help you understand empty, half full and full.

I bet this was so much fun!



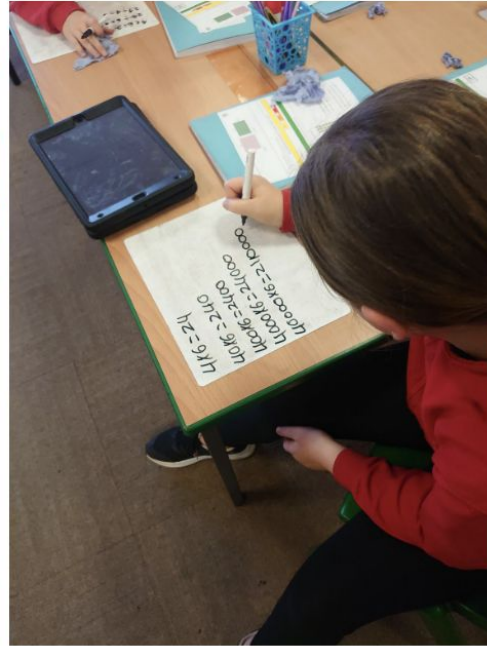
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Y4 using their prior knowledge to make links - great maths guys!

In maths, we have been learning about related multiplication and division facts. If we know 1 set of information then we can work out others such as $4 \times 5 = 20$, $4 \times 50 = 200$, $4 \times 500 = 2000$



Using our prior knowledge is a really important skill. This helps us to build on facts and makes the learning stick.

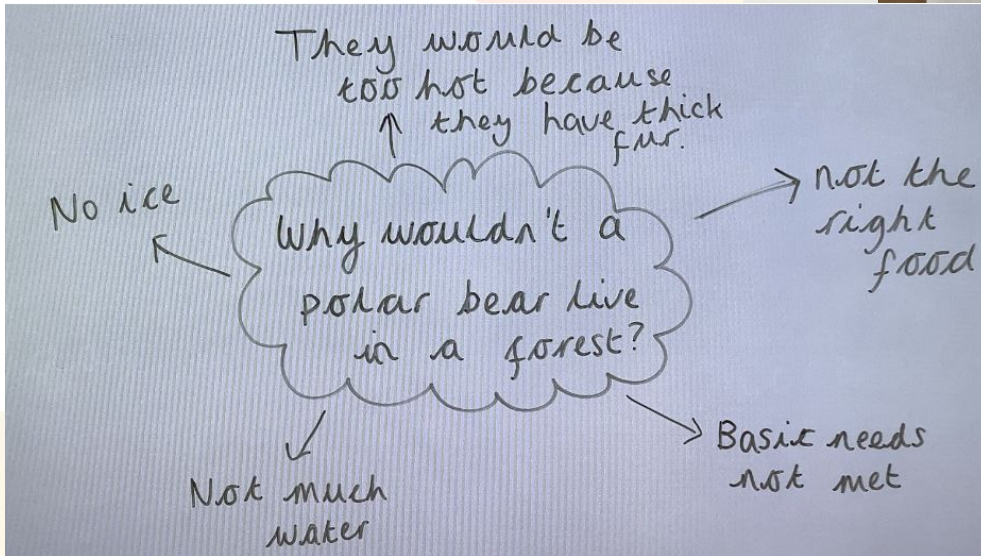
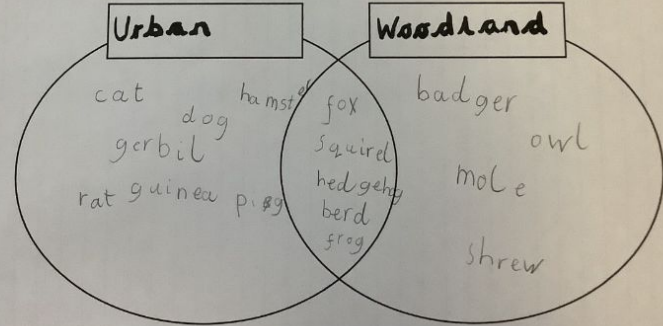
Across school, this is something we are working hard on to ensure we are remembering as much of our learning as possible!



Wider Curriculum Science

Y2 continuing their science learning. I praise how you are reasoning and explaining your thinking. Getting super smart!

GQ: How will what I do today impact the world tomorrow? Case Study 2: UK L1: I can identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.		Teacher assessment
Gold standard:		
I can describe and describe the basic needs of animals and humans.		
Green standard:		
I can identify, name and compare a variety of plants and animals in their habitats.		✓



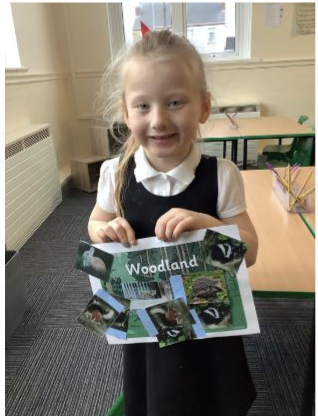
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Science

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Science



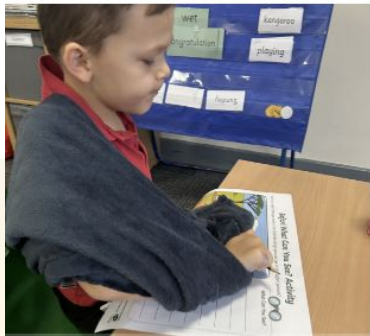
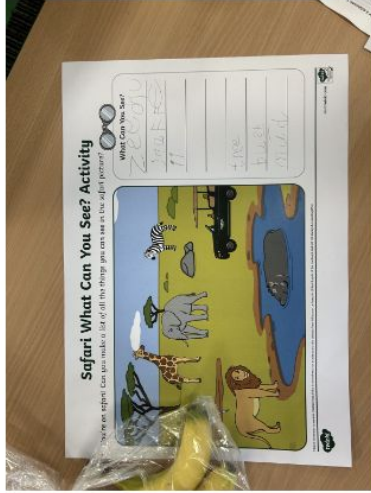
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Y2 scientists exploring animal classifications. Learning to group animals based on the food that they eat. It is great to hear you using the scientific language omnivore and carnivore.

Wider Curriculum

Crew Pashley learning about weather and different seasons. I can see how you are focusing on your learning!



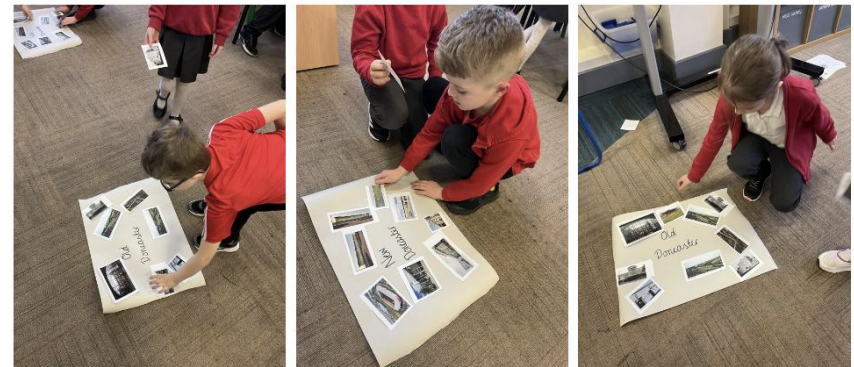
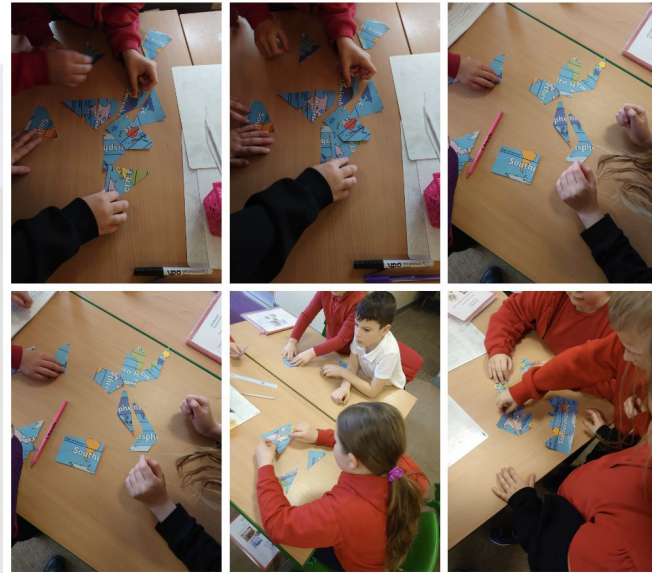
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Geographical Zones

📅 23rd January 2024 👤 Kate Thompson

This afternoon, we continued our expeditionary learning by looking how the earth is split into 7 geographical zones. We found out the 7 zones are: Equator, North Pole, South Pole, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere. With our new found knowledge, we labelled a map with the zones.





Yorkshire Water Lego workshop

 23rd January 2024  Emily Ibbotson

Last week, year 5 took part in a fantastic workshop which consolidated their learning on their autumn expedition and also their expedition around the water cycle last year. The children then worked in groups to create a Lego bot which they then programmed using a computer so it would move on its own to deliver much needed water supplies. The children really enjoyed this but it was also great to see them all grappling and working collaboratively.



Y2 continue to explore Judaism in their RE sessions. Asking lots of questions and watching videos to understand the religion better.



Learning about Hanukkah in KS1

📅 23rd January 2024 👤 Olivia Fox

Today, we continued to focus on Judaism. We were given some photos and completed a gallery walk to think about what we notice and what wonders we had.



We watched some videos to understand how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah. We learned that they have specific food like potato cakes and doughnuts and most children receive toys called dreidls. Next week, we will design our own menorah.



Wider Curriculum

PE

Monkey Climbing 🐒🐒

📅 26th January 2024 👤 Eleanor Pashley

This afternoon we got out the ropes and practiced our climbing skills.



Break time fun! 📅 😊

📅 24th January 2024 👤 Kate Thompson

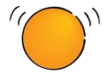
We had lots of fun trying out the new skipping rope Miss Marsh ordered for us. Lots of children queued up to have a go and show off their skipping skills. We can't wait to get it back out tomorrow! Thank you Miss Marsh! 🥳❤️



Dodgeball fun in MI

📅 23rd January 2024 👤 Stacey McClare

A great PE lesson in MI 😊



Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is

W/E 26/01/24	Attendance Figure %
Crew Pashley (Y1/2)	100
Crew Godley (Y2)	97.73
Crew Shields (Y4)	96.74
Crew Boswell (Y5)	93.97
Crew MI (Y5)	92.79
Crew Robson (Y2)	92.79
Crew Marsh (Y1)	91.25
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	90.32
Crew Hamill (Y3/4)	88.19
Crew Thompson (Y3)	87.50
Crew MW* (FS2)	87.40
Crew Dorman (FS1)	85.41
Crew Haddock* (Y3/4/5)	83.78
Crew Haigh (FS2)	75.00

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.