

Year 6 Newsletter



CARLETON PARK

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

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Welcome!

Welcome back to Carleton Park! It is lovely to have you back in school and moving to your new class: Year 6. In this newsletter, you will find information relating to this half term's learning. Our reading canon book is "Who Let the Gods Out" by Maz Evans and introduces our new topic on Ancient Greece.

Core subjects

Maths: we will be completing fluency and problem-solving questions around place value. We will also be continuing to practise our maths skills checks and arithmetic tests every week.

English: we will be developing our vocabulary and inference skills as we delve deep into the understanding of our class book. Alongside this, we will be writing a setting description based on a Greek myth, a report on a mythical creature and a newspaper article.

Science: children will be working scientifically to secure knowledge around materials and their properties.

Curriculum

Geography: we will be learning to identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude and the Equator. We will also use our understanding of geographical knowledge and language when writing during our English lessons.

History: we will be using a timeline to sequence the key events of Ancient Greece. We will also be using cross-curricular links to create an Olympic diary and a balanced argument.

Art & DT: we will be learning to design a traditional Ancient Greek Vase and then create our own version in DT. We will be using computers to research famous artists and sculptors.

RE: we will examine the beliefs of the Ancient Greeks and learn about the different gods. We will also explore the idea of expressing religion through the arts and architecture.

Computing: we will use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and evaluate digital content.

PE: we will take part in a range of fitness challenges to test, monitor and record data. We will also develop an understanding of how fitness can have a positive effect on our mental and physical well-being.

Spanish: we will learn to listen and speak simple greetings, numbers up to 30, days of the week and months of the year.

Homework

Each week, your child will be given spellings and times tables to work on at home. Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. There is an expectation in Year 6 that all children complete their 15 minute "garage" session on TTRockstars each week; this will be related to the times table focus for the week.

The reading raffle will continue to happen throughout the half term for the chance to win a book; to gain a ticket, your child must read with an adult for at least 90 minutes a week. Reading records will be checked weekly on a Monday; please record the total number of minutes read each day. Reading books from home require a quarantine period, children will be able to place their reading books in the box in the class and can swap their books at any time.

Optional homework will be available for the children to complete should they wish, these will include a variety of activities based around our topic of Ancient Greece. Where possible, homework should be completed and added to your portfolio on ClassDojo rather than being sent in to school.

Finally, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email us at admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk. Remember, working together we can achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.

PE

- Our PE day is **Wednesday afternoon**.
- Due to current restrictions in school, children are asked to bring in their trainers for PE. Currently there is no requirement to send in a PE kit.
- Earrings need to be taken out before PE sessions; long hair will need to be tied up.

Daily Mile

- All children will aim to complete the daily mile every day. School shoes should be appropriate (non-slip).

How you can help your child

- Arrive in their class line by 9:15am unless they have a younger sibling.
- Ensure they have full, clean uniform with correct footwear.
- Bring in a named water bottle.
- Ensure your child has completed at least 90 minutes of reading each week and records have been signed by an adult.