



Carter Class Bulletin

Cranford Park CE Primary School, Cranford Park Drive, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 6LB

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Welcome back

I hope that you all had a relaxing Easter Holiday and are ready for an exciting new term.

Spring Term Highlights

We all enjoyed finding out about the Anglo Saxons; once again the children showed lots of enthusiasm for the subject.

They all got into character for our Anglo Saxon Drama and created a fabulous performance.



We also studied states of matter and carried out some fun experiments.

This half-term's topics:

Our Science topic for the first half of the term is living things and their habitats. We will be looking at various mini-beast habitats and how changes to the environment can affect their habitats. This will be enhanced with our class trip On **Tuesday 21stnd May** to the **Blue Reef Aquarium** looking at the habitats of sea life creatures.

Our Geography for the first half of the term will be our topic 'Here and There'. We will be using maps to

compare Yateley with Southsea and study different land uses and how traffic is managed. We are going to walk around Yateley and will be looking at Southsea when we go on our school trip. The children will gather information about both towns and use our Geography skills to compare them.

In Art the children will be investigating different landscape artists and will create their own landscapes linked to our geography work.

RE this half term is creation and how God created our world and looking at other religions' creation stories.

The second half of the term...

Our Science topic is called "Don't bite off more than you can chew" and is about animals' teeth, food chains and the digestion system. During this topic we will design and make our own healthy smoothies. We will walk to the local supermarket and purchase our own ingredients on a budget!

What equipment will my child need?

It is **very important** that your child has their **full P.E. kit in school every week**. This consists of:

A plain, white T-shirt
Plain, bottle green shorts
Trainers or plimsolls.

Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name.

No earrings or watches should be worn during P.E. for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove their earrings by themselves, please supply some tape to cover them during these lessons. However, it would be much easier if earrings could be left at home on P.E. days.

P.E. will take place on the following days:

Thursdays: Outdoor PE.

Fridays – Dance



Homework

Your child will be set weekly homework tasks. It is envisaged that the children will spend up to an hour a week on these activities which will also include practising spellings, multiplication tables and reading. All homework will be accompanied by a task list which we ask you to sign as a record that you have seen your child's work.

Homework for this term will be set on **Thursday** to be returned on **Tuesday**.

Reading

As well as reading and discussing texts during English lessons, each child has their own reading book either from the school reading schemes, the library or the classroom bookshelf. They will need to have their reading book and reading record with them everyday. We would be grateful if you could sign the record book each week and we welcome any comments which you feel may be useful.



Remember, the children all have Bug Club accounts and can access a wide range of interesting texts on their tablets and computers at home.

Can you help us?

Thank you to those parents who helped us with reading last term. Any parents who would like to come and listen to readers for the first half hour of the day, are more than welcome on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Please note, all adults working in our school must be DBS checked. Reception can provide you with the necessary forms.

Uniform

Just a reminder to check that all items are still named! It is quite difficult to unite children with jumpers, in particular, if they are unnamed.

Water bottles

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school. These will be sent home every Friday for washing.

Times Tables

We have been working hard on times tables all year and tracking our personal progress. This term we are going to have a big push on our times table knowledge to try and move off the current challenge we are on. Your child will know where they are in the challenge and they need to be practising at home as much as possible if they want to progress.

Play Equipment

Could you please ensure that children are not using the play equipment in the school grounds before and after the school day. We cannot ensure that it is being used safely during these busy times and do not want children injuring themselves.

And Finally...

We hope that we can all continue to work together so that your child has a really successful summer term.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Portch

Class teacher

Award	Task
Bronze	40 questions 2 minutes 2x, 5x, 10x
Silver	40 questions 3 minutes 3x, 6x
Gold	60 questions 4 minutes 4x, 8x, 9x
Master	100 questions All tables 5 minutes
Grand Master	Division Facts 100 questions 5 minutes