



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 looked at our teeth and skeleton and how our digestion system works, much to the children's disgust!

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 22nd 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...

We will be looking at the courageous story of Ernest Shackleton and writing some diary entries about his famous expedition to the Antarctic.

Our science topic will be states of matter and how substances are either: solids, liquids or gases.

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 – Gymnastics

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



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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.

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