

# Carr Infant School Newsletter

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Nursery

What a busy and exciting 5 weeks we have had! It has been wonderful to watch children excel in learning across school. This half term we have focused on developing our approach to reading; children now complete whole class guided reading sessions where we really place our focus on fluency, scaffolded reading and close reading. We have also worked hard as a community to master transitions around school, maximising the time that we have so that more learning can take place; I have been so impressed to see children learning at pace. Rock Steady was a massive success and children performed some incredible pieces to the entire school – their practise really paid off.

In the summer term we will continue to focus on building reading stammer and improving fluency throughout school. It has truly been a delight to learn more about our community and I thank you for all of your support and collaboration.

Mr Oxley  
Head of School

## Our Learning

### Nursery

As we reach the end of a wonderful half term in Nursery, we are proud of all the children's achievements. This week, we finished our Traditional Tales focus with Little Red Riding Hood, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Our learning theme centred on Understanding the World, exploring how important our world is and how we can care for it. This linked closely to our daily circle times, where we discussed respect for each other and our environment.

In Maths, we explored capacity, using language such as full, empty, nearly full, and nearly empty while investigating bottles of different shapes and sizes.

A highlight was our Easter Bonnet Parade, where children confidently sang and performed, followed by a lovely stay-and-play session in the sunshine.

### Reception

Reception have had a busy and exciting couple of weeks full of learning and creativity. Our topic focus has been music, where we explored how sounds and actions can bring stories to life through We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children loved using their bodies and instruments to recreate different parts of the story. We have also continued learning about animals and their habitats through our Talk for Stories book, developing our vocabulary and understanding of the world. This week, we particularly enjoyed Jonty Gentoo by Julia Donaldson, which inspired some fantastic writing. The children have been working hard to use their Phase 3 graphemes and tricky words with increasing confidence. In PE, we finished our gymnastics topic, bringing together balancing, rolling, travelling and jumping to create sequences, showing great progress in their skills and coordination.

## After School Clubs – Summer 1

Information and sign up will be posted during the first week of the new term.

Clubs will start week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## Attendance

Saplings 89%

Acorn 95%

Oak 96%

Alder 96%

Chestnut 86%

Birch 90%

Willow 99%

We are aiming for 95% minimum attendance. Missing more than 10% throughout primary school is the same as missing over 6 months of school.

### Year 1

What a fantastic term it has been! The children have shown incredible growth and curiosity across all our subjects, and it has been a joy to watch their confidence flourish.

In Maths, we have been busy measuring up! The children enjoyed exploring capacity and mass, getting hands-on with various containers to compare volumes and understand how much they can hold. This practical approach has really helped bring the concepts to life. Meanwhile, in English, writing skills are progressing well. We have focused on daily phonics-linked writing, encouraging the children to apply their new sounds to develop writing.

Our budding scientists have also been hard at work comparing animals. We have explored different animal groups and learned how to classify them as herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores based on their diets.

Thank you so much for your continued support with home reading; it truly makes a world of difference to their progress. We are sending books home today to keep that momentum going over the break. Please note that we will restart the reading tracker once we return after the holidays.

Wishing you all a restful and very Happy Easter!

### Polite Reminders:

To keep everyone safe please do not ride bikes/scooters around the playground at the start and at the end of the school day.

Please remind your children that the MUGA is closed after school. This helps us ensure student safety when staff are no longer on duty and allows our clubs to begin their sessions on time. Thank you

## Dates for the Diary

Dates in bold show parent/carer involvement

Red indicates changed dates

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March

27<sup>th</sup> - Last day in school

April

13<sup>th</sup> - All children return to school

May

4<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed

22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day in school before May half term

### Year 2

What a fantastic conclusion to the Spring term! It has been a whirlwind of discovery, and the children have truly excelled across the curriculum.

In English, we have been busy crafting detailed fact files about meerkats. You would be impressed by our resident experts' knowledge of these social creatures! Our Maths sessions took a practical turn as we investigated length, mass, volume, capacity, and temperature, mastering the art of reading various scales with precision.

The scientific world brought some surprises, too. In Science, we explored the survival essentials for humans and mammals, discovering that we fundamentally only need air, water, and food to survive! Meanwhile, our Art studio has been a hive of creativity as we completed intricate collages inspired by Romare Bearden.

From designing programs in Computing using MakeCode to conducting biodiversity fieldwork in Geography, the children have been incredibly hands-on. We even sharpened our tactics in PE, finding that defending is often much tougher than attacking!

Have a fabulous Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone well-rested and raring to go for the Summer term!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Scholastics Book Fair.

### Why Your Support Matters:

- **Growing Young Readers:** Seeing the joy on children's faces as they choose their new books.
- **Supporting Our Library:** A portion of every purchase goes directly back to our school, allowing us to refresh our library shelves with new books for all students to enjoy.

**FREE MEAL**  
FUNDED SPACES ONLY

**FOR AGES 5-12**

**FREE\* EASTER Activity Camps**

**£12\* Per SESSION**

**30<sup>th</sup> MARCH - 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**VARIOUS TIMES & DATES**  
Not running bankholidays

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**KIDS TAKEOVER**  
HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS

**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL**

This holiday club is part of the City of York Council HAF programme



**Kidslingo FUN French Club**  
at Carr Infant School  
for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



Booking is open for our summer term!

**Our Award-Winning French club is an action-packed adventure of FUN songs, games, storytelling & let's pretend!**

**CLUB DETAILS:**

- ✓ Our fun club runs on Thursday (from 16<sup>th</sup> April):
- ✓ 12.25-12.55pm – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

All club members receive a **FREE SUBSCRIPTION** to our Kidslingo games website.

**HOW TO BOOK:** Go to the website - [www.clubenrolment.com/kidslingohelenw](http://www.clubenrolment.com/kidslingohelenw)

- ✓ Enter the Club Location Carr Infant School, select the club & enrol.
- ✓ The club costs £5.00 per week. Payment is made termly by bank transfer and should be made when booking. Please get in touch if you would like to pay in two instalments.



Learning a new language at a young age helps children develop their cognitive skills, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and attention to detail. These skills lead to better academic performance and have a positive impact on pupils' overall mental health and well-being.

**'Most Loved Creative & Academic Activity'**  
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Our tutors are fully trained, insured and hold DBS certificates.



# Carr Infants Nursery



**For children aged 3-4 years**



**Fun Early Learning**



**Professional Teachers**



**Emotional Development**



**Child-Friendly Environment**

We currently have space in our Nursery for September.

Our Nursery offers:

- 15-hour funded places (morning or afternoon sessions)
- 30-hour funded places (full-time)

Session times:

- Morning: 8:45am – 11:45am
- Afternoon: 11:45am – 2:45pm
- 30 hours: 8:45am – 2:45pm
- Nursery children can also access our wraparound care from 7:30am – 6:00pm at an additional cost.

Please contact the school office for an application form and more information.

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