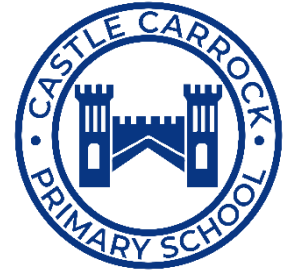


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Bumblebee Class Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Bumblebee Class and I have had plenty of time to settle into new routines during Autumn 2, I would like to take this opportunity to outline expectations and learning moving into our Spring term.

During your child's time in Bumblebee class, I can ensure that they will be provided with educational experiences which are engaging, safe, purposeful and enjoyable. We are a team in Bumblebee class, and we will continue to work together to ensure that each child can be the best they can be!

As always, we are keen to encourage reading at Castle Carrock. We will continue to read with your child on a regular basis, please ensure they bring their reading books into school every day. Books will be changed as necessary depending on individual circumstances. We also ask that you continue to read with your child five times a week as part of our school's policy to strive for 5. The children will receive team points when they read at home.

Homework - as well as reading your children will be set spellings on a weekly basis, they will be tested on these on a Friday morning. Children completing VIPERS have been given a Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling book, they will be allocated pages to complete on a Friday, please make sure they are returned to school by Friday each week. Children completing Phonics <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> will also be given a sheet of homework which includes activities they can complete at home in order to build on their retrieval of sounds. All children will be set a weekly Maths task on Maths Shed, as well as Maths Shed, [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#) is a great resource to use.

Our timetable is available to view on our school website - [Castle Carrock Primary School – A Cumbria Education Trust School](#). We begin our day with either a phonics or VIPERS session. We are using the scheme 'Little Wandle' for phonics where your child will learn a new sound everyday as well as review previously taught sounds. If your child is part of our phonics sessions, they will be given a phonics book on a Wednesday which they need to read to build fluency in their reading. Rewards are given to those children who read as part of our school 'strive for five' policy. In our VIPERS sessions, we focus on developing the reading comprehension skills, we currently have two VIPERS groups in our class, one groups is currently reading 'Esio Trot' by Roald Dahl whilst the other group is reading 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. These lessons will provide opportunities for the children to access SpellingShed on their individual laptops. SpellingShed is also accessible from home on any phone, tablet, or computer. The children have their individual logins in their reading records. English follows on from our VIPERS sessions, where we learn and develop spoken language, written work, and grammar. Our mornings also include a Maths lesson, this term we are looking at place value, we will also be covering multiplication, division and time. We also have maths fluency sessions where we practise and develop our basic number skills including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Foundation subjects (History, Geography, Science, Art, PE, Music, French, RE and PSHE) will be delivered weekly during afternoon sessions. We have some exciting topics coming up, which I know the children are going to enjoy. In History we are learning about Stone Age to Iron Age, we are beginning by looking at Stone Age art and why this was important. In Geography our topic is 'Earth Matters,' within this topic we will be looking at capital cities. Our Science topic focuses on rocks, this is exciting as we will be able to make clear links to our History topic. In Art we are focusing on designers, we will be exploring three artists: William Morris, Charles Rennie MacKintosh and Vivienne Westwood. Our PE sessions take place on a Tuesday afternoon when Carlisle United will join us for the session, and

on Thursday mornings, led by a PE teacher from Willian Howard (Mrs Trickett). Fully labelled PE kits should be kept in school and will be returned home for cleaning each half-term.

Our Un-bee-lievable Achievers' Assembly will continue in the Spring term on a Friday at 3pm – it is great to see so many of you celebrate the children's achievements with us.

Children can bring in a healthy snack or small amount of tuck shop money each day so they can have a quick bite to eat during morning break. Named water bottles (containing **water only** please) are also encouraged.

I would ask that you let myself or school know of any changes that might arise at home over the course of the year that may impact your child, so we are able to best support them in school.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to discuss any matters or concerns I can always be reached in the first instance via email: nmoynan@castlecarrock.cumbria.sch.uk or through Class Dojo and I will be happy to arrange a suitable time to speak with you.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me into your Castle Carrock family.

Kind Regards,

Miss Moynan