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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to share with you an overview of the topics that your child will be learning in the first half of the Summer term in Years 5 and 6. At Castle Park, we value the important partnership between home and school. Please use the information below to support your child with their learning over the coming weeks.

Thank you for the effort that is put into reading with your child at home. This is the key to developing skills across the curriculum and the more you can do, the more your child will be able to improve the speed and depth with which they learn. Remember to talk to your child about what they are reading as well as listening to them – the type of questions that need an explanation should be combined with fact finding questions.

Until SATs, the Year 6 children will continue to be given Maths and English homework relevant to the work we are revising in class. Please continue to encourage and help your child with these tasks and tell us if you notice they are having any particular difficulties. Mrs Edmonds and Mr Svatins will send home the work each Thursday and take it in on Tuesday. Year 5 Friday Challenges will continue as before. After SATs, the Friday Challenges will resume for all.

If you have any questions about the information below please feel free to make an appointment or call into school and see us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Upper Key Stage Two Team

Curriculum area	Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.	Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.
<p>English</p> 	<p>Improving the depth of comprehension answers</p> <p>Improving writing by linking ideas and themes</p> <p>Classic fiction (Narnia)</p> <p>Chronological reports- journal of a journey</p>	<p>Your child will still be expected to read for at least 15 minutes each evening. You can also help your child by discussing what they have read.</p> <p>Try the grammar games at: http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Angles- measuring and drawing accurately.</p> <p>Understanding how to find simple fractions and percentages of whole numbers.</p> <p>Geometry- 2D and 3D shapes. Properties of shape</p> <p>Reflection, rotation and translation</p>	<p>Try the maths games at http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html</p>

<p>Science</p> 	<p>Healthy Living</p>	<p>We will study the effects that exercise, diet and lifestyle have on our well-being. Challenge your child to increase their physical activity or to learn to cook a healthy meal.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Physical geography of the UK</p>	<p>http://www.sciencemadesimple.co.uk/curriculum-blogs/geology-blogs/geology-rocks-the-choc-cycle Contains a basic introduction to the different types of stones and a super cooking activity to re-create igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.</p>
<p>Art and Design</p> 	<p>Art: Still life sketching of fruit and veg D.T: Creating salads and smoothies as part of our work on healthy living</p>	<p>Experiment at home and bring in your favourite healthy recipes.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>Tennis Athletics</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has our school P.E. kit: black or blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt. P.E will be on a Monday and Friday.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Creating arrangements for 'Make you feel my love' by Bob Dylan / Adele</p>	<p>Go onto You Tube and find your favourite version of this song.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Pilgrimages</p>	<p>Google some pictures of Hindu and Muslim pilgrimage sites like Kumbh Mela and Mecca</p>
<p>ICT and Computing</p> 	<p>Word processing and information presentation skills</p>	<p>Use IT at home to practise and refine skills when using Microsoft Office and the tools available in these programs.</p>
<p>Global Awareness</p> 	<p>The challenge of education for all around the world</p>	<p>What are the different attitudes to universal education around the world?</p>
<p>Citizenship</p> 	<p>Making healthy choices</p>	<p>What are the dangers to a healthy lifestyle and how can we keep ourselves safe?</p>

Dates for your diary:

w/b 8/5/17 SATs week

29/5/17 – 2/6/17 Half Term

6/6/17 – 9/6/17 Edinburgh Residential