

April 2018

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.





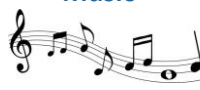




We expect all children to have a go at their Friday Challenges and are more than happy if family members join in with the children to help them complete the challenge they have selected.

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*

<b>Curriculum area</b>	<b>Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.</b>	<b>Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.</b>
<b>English</b> 	Year 5 – Poetry continued Classic Fiction: The Hobbit Yr 6 – SATs revision Grammar and Punctuation Reading comprehension	Thank you to Year 6 parents who have been helping the children with their SATs homework. This will continue until the tests in May.  Year 5: There are many different versions of J.R.R Tolkien’s classic story, including graphic novels. Encourage your child to read some or all of the book.
<b>Mathematics</b> 	Year 5 – Fractions and Decimals Year 6 – SATs revision Fractions, Decimals and Ratio Formal methods of arithmetic Using and applying maths knowledge	Try the maths games and activities at: <a href="http://www.transum.org/">http://www.transum.org/</a>  Year 6 children will continue to receive additional maths homework to help them prepare for SATs.
<b>Science</b> 	Plants Classification Parts of the plant and their function	Have a go at finding and identifying these 8 different trees:  Oak, silver birch, beech, ash, cherry, rowan, willow and horse chestnut.

<b>Geography</b> 	The effect of human activity on the environment  The importance of wild spaces	This is linked to our John Muir Award work Find out more about this fascinating man at: <a href="http://scottishbooktrust.com/learning/teachers-librarians/teaching-resources-cpd/john-muir">http://scottishbooktrust.com/learning/teachers-librarians/teaching-resources-cpd/john-muir</a>
<b>History</b> 	The Ancient Greeks Life in the city states Greek myths and their cultural legacy	3 housepoints to anyone who can learn the 24 letters of the Greek alphabet. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta ....
<b>Art and Design</b> 	Greek key patterns Making Greek vases	We will need empty washing up liquid bottles for our vases, so please send them in to school rather than putting them into the recycling.
<b>PE</b> 	Zumba  Cricket	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 Tuesday and Friday for all 3 classes.
<b>Music</b> 	Continuing 'Happy' by Pharel Williams	We will also be learning songs for our Summer Show 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. Go online to get a sneak preview. <a href="http://www.musiclinedirect.com/junior/pirates-of-the-curry-bean/">http://www.musiclinedirect.com/junior/pirates-of-the-curry-bean/</a>
<b>RE and PSHE</b> 	What religions are represented in the North-West? What is a healthy body image?	
<b>ICT and Computing</b> 	Film making using ipads	We will be making a music video based on the song 'Happy' by Pharrel Williams. Take a look at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfgEe3L0FM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfgEe3L0FM</a> to get an idea of what we're aiming at.
<b>Global Awareness</b> 	Where are the remaining wild areas in the world and what are the pressures on them?	
<b>Citizenship</b> 	Learning to be money-wise: Earning, saving and borrowing.	

**Dates for your diary:**

John Muir Award trip dates:  
 Coniston Woods 4<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
 (half of children on each occasion)

Yr 6 Cyclewise w/b 21/5/18

**SATs Week for Year 6 w/b 14/5/18**

Mon: Spelling and Grammar  
 Tues: Reading  
 Weds: Maths - arithmetic and reasoning paper A  
 Thurs: Maths – reasoning paper B