



Kendal Primary
Multi Academy Trust
13th September 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. We hope that you have all had a wonderful and restful holiday and that your children are excited about the year ahead. We are writing to share with you an overview of the topics that your child will be learning in the first half of the Autumn term in Years 3 and 4. 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.

The areas of the curriculum where we would like to work together are in the development of your child's reading and maths skills. Early in the term, your child will be provided with a plastic folder, containing a reading record and a reading book. The reading record is provided so you can make regular comments about the reading that your child does with you at home. **Please ensure that the reading folder is in school each day.** It will be collected in by your child's English teacher once a week. We will also be sending home personalised mathematics 'Learn Its'. These are small cards with number facts that are appropriate to your child's stage of development. Please work regularly with your child to help them instantly recall them and the related number fact (e.g. $3 \times 5 = 15$ so $15 \div 5 = 3$).

An exciting part of the year 3 and 4 curriculum is going swimming at the Leisure Centre. Swimming this year will take place in the Spring and Summer terms. A further letter will come home towards the end of the Autumn term explaining the swimming procedures in more detail. As swimming is not happening during the Autumn term, two PE sessions will take place. Miss Shaw's and Mr Tennant's PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and Thursday and Ms. Thwaites/Mrs Brooks' class will have their PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday. Pupils should have a full indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week, just in case the timetable is adjusted due to poor weather. Please see the school website for further details of suitable PE kit.

Now your child is in year 3 and 4, we would like to develop their independence. One way in which we do this, is by asking you to encourage your child to come in to the classroom on their own each morning. If they are in year 3, you may initially wish to bring them into the cloakroom area, whereas year 4 children should say goodbye at the entrance. This also assists with unnecessary congestion in the cloakrooms and doorways. However, should you need to speak to a member of staff, please feel that you can come in and pass on a message or make an appointment if you require a longer discussion.

Mrs Gaskarth will continue organising the raffle. However, we are on the lookout for adult volunteers to sell tickets on a Friday morning. If you feel that this is something that you can assist with, please see Mrs Gaskarth.

As in previous years, children are encouraged to complete a piece of homework each week - the Friday Challenge. At the start of each half term, children will be issued with a list of homework activities to choose from. There will be more tasks than there are weeks in the term, allowing your child to have some choice in the tasks that they complete. Children should bring their completed task to their teacher by the Thursday of each week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any member of the team.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Shaw, Adam Tennant, Helen Thwaites and Sam Brooks.

LKS2 class teachers





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Dates for your diary:

- 13th September - County Show (Y4 pupils only)
- 28th September - European Day of Languages
- 10th October- School individual photograph day
- w/b 15th October - Parents' Evenings
- w/b 15th October - Africa Themed Week
- 22rd – 26th October - Half term
- Monday 29th October- Children return to school at 8.50a.m.

Curriculum area.	Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.	Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.
 <p>English</p>	Adventure stories Syllabic poems	Read a range of stories with your parents that have similar settings. Read a book and then watch the film version. Talk about the similarities and differences.
 <p>Mathematics</p>	Place value Addition and subtraction	Practice your 'Learn Its' each day at home. Visit http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html to access a range of educational games relating to our maths topics.
 <p>Science</p>	Plants	Visit https://www.bbc.com/education/topics/zpxnyrd to watch video clips and complete activities all relating to plants.
 <p>Geography</p>	Madagascar	Look on a map of the world and see which countries we might study during our Africa Themed Week. Find out about the animals that inhabit Madagascar.
 <p>Art and Design</p>	Textiles- Glue batik	Have a go at your own glue batik. Go to https://artfulparent.com/how-to-do-glue-batik-with-kids/ for a useful guide.
 <p>PE</p>	Lacrosse Yoga	Please ensure PE kits are in school every day. Don't know what lacrosse is? Visit https://www.englishlacrosse.co.uk/ to watch videos and find out how to play the game.
 <p>Music</p>	Let your spirit fly	Listen to some of your favourite songs together. Would you children like to learn to play a musical instrument?
 <p>RE</p>	Global Christianity	Find out about Christians who live in another country.
 <p>IT and Computing</p>	Search engines and basic skills.	Help your children with the basic skills that will really help them at school. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word processing and saving and printing work • Using search engines.





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