

September 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 Autumn 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 attempt their Friday Challenges and are happy if family members help children 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

Curriculum area	Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.	Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.
English 	Stories with a historical setting Spelling and grammar work – emphasising sentence construction Explanations Researching and re-presenting information	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. They will be receiving spellings each week. These will be tested on Friday.
Mathematics 	Place Value Decimals Multiplying and division	All Year 5 and 6 children are expected to be able to use an analogue clock confidently and to understand how a calendar and timetable work. Please take some time to make sure your child has mastered these skills.
Science 	Using and Applying Science	We will be carrying out a series of experiments and talking about how we make a test fair. Try a fun experiment at home, for example, which biscuit is the best for dunking?

Geography 	Africa	During our Africa theme week we will explore the changing human geography of this continent and the issues it faces.
History 	The 1970's and 1980's	We would greatly appreciate any photos of family members that show fashions from the 70's and 80's. We will be using them to create a display so don't be shy!
Art and Design 	Kente patterns Weaving and art in the style of African Kente patterns	Research these beautiful patterns and have try drawing a repeating pattern in the same style.
PE 	Agility and fitness – indoor Lacrosse - outdoor	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 Monday and Friday for Mr Svatin's class and Tuesday and Friday for Miss Green and Miss Breeze's class.
Music 	Classic Rock Composing and improvisation using instruments.	Listen to the track we will be studying: 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi.
RE 	How do the Christian, Muslim and Buddhist scriptures guide the lives of believers?	
ICT and Computing 	Excel Spreadsheets and basic shortcuts for I.T use.	Encourage your child to experiment with Excel and to record information using this programme.
Global Awareness 	Images of Africa How has the continent of Africa changed since the 1970's and 1980's?	https://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/your-world-my-world This site is a great way to compare the lives of children around the world.
Citizenship 	Migration	What is the story of migration to Britain? What are the reasons for coming and the challenges to those arriving here.

Dates for your diary:

- 18/9 V.R. Space experience (visitors to the school will give the children the chance to explore the solar system with virtual reality headsets)**
- 26/9 Year 5 to practise and perform a 'Play in a Day' at QKS**
- 28/9 European Day of Languages**
- w/b 15/10 Parents' Evenings**
- 10/10 Mr Svatin's class assembly at 2.30 p.m.**
- 10/10 Meeting for parents about Edinburgh Residential Visit (May 2019) at 3.30 p.m.**
- 17/10 Miss Breeze's class assembly at 2.30 p.m.**