

November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to share with you an overview of the topics that your child will be learning in the second 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.

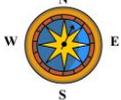
We expect all children to have a go at their Friday Challenges and are happy if family members help children complete the challenge they have selected.

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 	Biographies and Autobiographies Spelling and grammar work – emphasising word classes (adjectives, verbs etc.) Introducing suspense into writing Learning poetry by heart	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 	Multiplication and division Addition and subtraction written problems Handling data	Your child will have a 'Times Table Rockstars' login. Please encourage them to use this exciting free programme as much as possible. We will be monitoring their progress at school.
Science 	Earth, Sun and Moon	Observe the changing phases of the moon and make a picture diary or flip book.

Geography 	Weather and Climate	Research and create a 'weather extremes' factfile to show the coldest, hottest, wettest and windiest places on Earth.
Art and Design 	Designing for the future – How can we make homes weather proof?	Mr Svatin's guinea pigs need your help! Can you draw a diagram for a winter hutch that will keep them dry and warm. It should include details of the materials being used and their measurements.
PE 	Hip Hop and Street Dance – indoor Field Hockey - 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's and Miss Breeze's class.
Music 	Jazz Composing and improvisation using instruments Christmas songs	Listen to the suggested jazz artists detailed on the 'Friday Challenge' list
RE 	In what way is the geography of the nativity story still of relevance today?	Go to http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/world/middle_east/ for an impartial, child-friendly summary of Middle-Eastern politics.
ICT and Computing 	Creating a web page to create publicity for an imaginary music group.	Look at logo design and create some of your own.
Global Awareness 	How is the population of the world affected by climate and climate change?	https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/45880639 details a 90 second explanation of the science behind climate change.
Citizenship 	How can we be safe online?	This will tie in with our work on 'Real Love Rocks' an exploration how children can avoid dangers on the internet and have a positive self-image.

Dates for your diary:

1/11/18 - School Disco 7.00 p.m.

7/11/18 - Assembly for Mrs McNeil's class

9/11/18 - Visit to Brewery for Film Festival (a.m. lunch unaffected)

16/11/18 - Children in Need

30/12/18 - Wind in the Willows at Box Theatre (p.m. lunch unaffected)

3/12/18 - Christmas Concert for instrumentalists

7/12/18 - Christmas Making Day and Christmas Dinner and Mufti Day!

17 and 18th December - Christmas Carol Concert at St George's Church 1.45p.m.

20/12/18 - UKS2 Christmas party