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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. 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.

| Curriculum area | Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term. | Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas. |
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| <p>English</p>  | <p>Improving the depth of comprehension answers.</p> <p>Improving writing by linking ideas and themes.</p> <p>Fantasy stories</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>Working with decimals</p> | <p>Try the maths games at http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html</p> |

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| <p>Science</p>  | <p>Evolution and Inheritance (continued from last term)</p> | <p>Discuss and observe different animals with your child. How are they suited to their environment?</p> |
| <p>Geography</p>  | <p>Physical geography of the UK Comparative study of Kendal and Edinburgh</p> | <p>http://www.sciencemadesimple.co.uk/curriculum-blogs/geology-blogs/geology-rocks-the-choc-cycle This 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>Design and Technology: Cooking seasonal food Art: Sketching and drawing maps and plans.</p> | <p>Get an adult to help you have a go at cooking finely chopped vegetables in a stir fry style.</p> |
| <p>PE</p>  | <p>Tennis Athletics</p> | <p>Please ensure 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 everyone else.</p> |
| <p>Music</p>  | <p>Motown – Dancing in the Street</p> | <p>Listen to 'Dancing in the Street' and some different Motown music with your child and discuss what they can hear. Use the musical vocabulary that they have learned in class to describe the music.</p> |
| <p>RE</p>  | <p>The journey of life and death</p> | <p>Please be aware that we will be exploring different cultural and religious approaches to birth and death.</p> |
| <p>ICT and Computing</p>  | <p>Scratch Programming – Creating a maze game.</p> | <p>Scratch is a great programming tool that the children can use at home and in school. It is free to download or can be used online. https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor/?tutorial=getStarted</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 challenges to leading a healthy lifestyle and how can we keep ourselves safe.</p> |

Dates for your diary:

24/4/19 3.30 Parents' Meeting re: Edinburgh Residential

w/b 13/5/19 SATs week

20/5/19 Yr 6 auditions for UKS2 summer production

21/5/19 – 24/5/19 Edinburgh Residential

27/5/19 – 31/5/19 Half Term