





Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019




Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to share with you an overview of the learning opportunities that your child will be experiencing in the second half of the summer term in Early Years. In addition to this information, please see the class planning boards in each classroom for the ideas the children have contributed too!

Our topic this half term is 'Transport'. In addition, we will be learning about Asia in our whole school themed week. All reception children will take part in a special 'Class Assembly' to which parents will be invited. Reception children will have an exciting educational visit to Happy Mount Park in Morecambe to experience the wonderful climbing equipment and splash park. Nursery children will have their own educational visit to the Lakeland Maze Farm Park to see the farm animals, experience a maze and use the large climbing equipment.

We will also begin transition for Reception children moving to Year One. This will include playing in the KS1 playground during some of the lunchtimes and playtimes, as well as visiting the Key Stage 1 classrooms and teachers.

<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b></p> 	<p>Children will learn and play co-operatively, taking turns with other pupils in lessons, games and activities inside and outside the classroom.</p> <p>Children will learn to resolve any conflicts that may arise within the class, make compromises and get along together.</p> <p>Children will follow the class rules and develop their understanding of what is expected of them at school, while maintaining their positive relationships with peers and familiar adults.</p>
<p><b>Communication and Language Development</b></p> 	<p>We will read lots of stories with the children. Children will develop their ability to listen attentively and anticipate key events in these stories and join in with repeating phrases.</p> <p>We will encourage the children to develop and expand their vocabulary, especially vocabulary relating to our topics about 'Transport' and 'Asia'.</p> <p>All reception children will take part in a special 'Class Assembly' to which parents will be invited. Children will gain confidence when speaking in front of an audience.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development</b></p> 	<p>The children will continue to be active in the outside playground each day as well running a daily kilometre on the Trim Track.</p> <p>Children will be active in our weekly PE sessions in the school hall, and on the school field, using a range of equipment. We will all take part in the annual school 'Sports Day'.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to form recognisable letters when writing their names, captions and sentences.</p>
<p><b>Literacy Development - Reading and writing</b></p> 	<p>Children will read and share lots of books in school with their peers and adults.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to write and draw during their play activities. Reception children will bring two reading scheme books home each week to share.</p> <p>Reception children will continue to learn the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet and use these in their writing.</p>

<p><b>Mathematics Development</b></p> 	<p>Children will increase their knowledge of shape, weight and measurements. They will recognise, create and describe simple patterns. They will be encouraged to solve simple problems involving counting.</p> <p>Children will develop their skills and ability when counting to ten, twenty and beyond. They will find one more and one less from a small group of objects. Children will be encouraged to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s.</p> <p>Reception children will use equipment to help them add and subtract two single digit numbers. The Reception children will continue to learn their special 'Learn It's' which will come home in their Yellow reading record books. New sets will come home once they have shown that they know the set they are currently learning.</p>
<p><b>Understanding the World</b></p>  <p><small>Transportation Clipart 2 12 Images 300 dpi PNGs and JPGs PinkPueblo</small></p>	<p>As part of our 'Transport' topic we will learn about vehicles that travel on land, in the air, on and under water. Children will explore floating and sinking to design a boat that can float.</p> <p>We will join the rest of the school in an exciting Asia themed week, with Early Years focusing on Bhangra dancing.</p> <p>Children will be using the classroom computers as well as the school ipads and cameras.</p>
<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> 	<p>We will use a range of different musical instruments to explore the sounds that they make.</p> <p>Children will have daily access to the role play areas of the classrooms which change on a regular basis.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to play imaginatively with a range of small world toys such as the dinosaurs and the farm.</p> <p>Children will also have daily access to the creative area of each classroom where they can produce paintings, drawings and models using a wide range of materials.</p>

Please remember that your child's book bag and water bottle should be in school every day. Your child's PE kit should stay in school for the half term. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled. On very hot days your child will need a sunhat and should have sun cream applied before they come to school.

Please share books with your child from the classroom, from home and from the school library every day. Sing familiar songs and have lots of time to play games together.

At Castle Park we value the important partnership between home and school. Please use the information above to support your child with their learning over the coming weeks. If you have any questions about any of the information in this curriculum letter, please feel free to call into school and see us.

If you think you could help with any of our topics this half term, please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you,

*The Early Years Team*