

September 2019

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 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.
<p>English</p> 	<p>Imitating the style of an established author using classic fiction</p> <p>Spelling and grammar work</p> <p>Recounts</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>Go to: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar</p> <p>For an excellent source of English games which will help boost your child's understanding of grammar.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Place value</p> <p>Addition and subtraction to 1 million</p> <p>Decimals</p>	<p>Try the maths games at https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Properties of materials</p> <p>Reversible and Irreversible Changes</p>	<p>Shortly after half term (w/b 6-11-19) we will be visiting the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry where the children will take part in an interactive workshop on chemical changes and explosions.</p>

<p>History</p> 	<p>Ancient cultures of the Americas</p>	<p>Have a look at the 'Horrible History' videos (and books) for the Aztecs, Mayans and Incas.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>During our school-wide European themed week, we will be studying life in French speaking countries around the world.</p>	<p>Find out which countries we are likely to study.</p>
<p>Art and Design</p> 	<p>Portraits and Masks Modroc masks inspired by the Aztecs</p>	<p>Practice drawing the face, paying special attention to the position and proportion of the features. A great tutorial can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfosxuah1uk</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>Gymnastics Football</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has our school P.E. kit: black or blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt.</p> <p>P.E will be on Monday and Friday for Mr Svatins' class and Tuesday and Friday for Mrs McNeil and Miss Breeze's class</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>'Happy' by Pharell Williams</p>	<p>Listen to the song at home and try to discuss what you can hear. Can you use the musical vocabulary that we are learning in class?</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>What can we learn from religious leaders and people who inspire us?</p>	<p>Who are the most revered figures in world religions?</p>
<p>ICT and Computing</p> 	<p>File management, word processing and information presentation skills.</p>	<p>Use IT at home to practise and refine skills when using Microsoft Office and the tools available in these programs.</p>
<p>Global Awareness</p> 	<p>What are the challenges facing those living in modern Central and South America?</p>	<p>Using child-friendly news sources like Newsround, we will look at events in this part of the world.</p>
<p>PSHE and Citizenship</p> 	<p>Thinking about the future</p>	<p>What targets and ambitions do we have for ourselves. What do we need to achieve these things?</p>

Dates for your diary:

w/b 16/9 - Science Investigation Week

19/9 – Whole school skipping workshops

5/10 Friends of Castle Park Sponsored Run

10/10 Individual Photographs

10/10 Mr Svatins' Class Assembly

w/b 14/10 European Week – School focus on French speaking countries and culture

w/b 14/10 Parent Consultations (late night Wednesday 16th October)

17/10 Miss Breeze's class assembly

21/10 Half term

7/11 Mrs McNeil's class assembly