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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 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.
<b>English</b> 	Identifying the features of different genres (i.e Newspaper Articles) and improving comprehension skills  Spelling and grammar work  Recounts and journals  Instructions and explanations (Y6)	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.  Visit Radio 2's 500 words story site. It has a great collection of short stories.
<b>Mathematics</b> 	Addition and Subtraction  Multiplying and dividing  Using and applying arithmetic skills  Statistics	Try the maths games and activities at: <a href="http://www.transum.org/">http://www.transum.org/</a>  <u>All</u> children in Years 5 and 6 are expected to know their times tables from 2's to 12. Your child has a login to Times Table Rockstars, please encourage them to log in as much as possible at home.
<b>Science</b> 	Electricity	Visit the website at: <a href="https://dcaclab.com/">https://dcaclab.com/</a>  This allows you to build your own circuits and experiment with different arrangements.

<b>Geography</b> 	World Physical Geography	Learn to name the oceans and mountain ranges of the world.
<b>Design and Technology</b> 	Fairgrounds Transfer of movement	Design a fairground ride at home from research of existing fairgrounds.
<b>PE</b> 	Tag Rugby Fitness and circuits	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 Mrs McNeil and Miss Breeze's class.
<b>Music</b> 	Classroom Jazz Christmas carols	Listen to some Jazz music at home with your child. Here are some suggested artists: Charlie Parker, Frank Sinatra, Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald.
<b>RE</b> 	What can we learn from religious leaders and people who inspire us? (Continued from last half term)  The Christmas story	Who are the most revered figures in world religions?
<b>IT and Computing</b> 	Code Bugs computer programming	Encourage your child to go on <a href="http://www.codebug.org.uk/create/codebug/new/">http://www.codebug.org.uk/create/codebug/new/</a>
<b>Global Awareness</b> 	How does the physical geography of an area effect the inhabitants?	<a href="https://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/your-world-my-world">https://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/your-world-my-world</a> This site is a great way to compare the lives of children around the world.
<b>Citizenship</b> 	Staying safe as the nights get darker	Personal safety lessons for Bonfire night and the dark evenings.

### Dates for your diary:

1<sup>st</sup> November: Friends of Castle Park fundraiser – ‘Crazy Hair Day’

6<sup>th</sup> November: Trip to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry

13<sup>th</sup> November: Mrs McNeil's Class Assembly

15<sup>th</sup> November: Science of Adventure show linked to Kendal Mountain Festival

22<sup>nd</sup> November: Trip to Brewery Cinema as part of the ‘Into Film’ Festival

6<sup>th</sup> December: Box Theatre trip ‘101 Dalmatians’