

February 2020

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 Spring 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 more than happy if family members join in with the children to help them 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*

<b>Curriculum area</b>	<b>Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.</b>	<b>Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.</b>
<b>English</b> 	Argument and debate Writing in the style of a playscript Retrieving information and summarising text Punctuating speech	Year 6 children will soon be receiving SATs revision books for English and Maths. Please help them to complete the work as directed.
<b>Mathematics</b> 	Area and perimeter Fractions, decimals and percentages Multiplication and division (arithmetic and using in context)	Try the maths games and activities at: <a href="http://www.transum.org/">http://www.transum.org/</a> Year 6 children may receive additional maths homework to help consolidate important skills and to build mental arithmetic speed.
<b>Science</b> 	Forces – continued from Spring 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gravity</li> <li>• Inertia</li> <li>• Friction</li> <li>• Air resistance</li> <li>• Buoyancy</li> <li>• Upthrust</li> </ul> Identifying and measuring their effect.	Try the forces quiz at <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/quiz/q74052238">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/quiz/q74052238</a>

<p><b>History</b></p> 	<p>World War 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D-Day and the final part of the war</li> <li>• The Holocaust</li> </ul>	<p>Thank you so much to those of you who have sent in special resources or shared family stories with your children. Please continue to do so and help your child with any of the Friday challenges linked to this topic.</p>
<p><b>Art and Design</b></p> 	<p>The art of propaganda</p> <p>Print making related to WW2</p>	<p>Search for some examples of World War 2 propaganda posters.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p> 	<p>Handball</p> <p>Cricket (coach to come in on Friday)</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 Svatin's class and Tuesday and Friday for Mrs McNeil and Miss Breeze's class.</p>
<p><b>Music</b></p> 	<p>Improvisation and performance based on Carole King's 'You've got a Friend'</p>	<p>Listen to songs from the Carole King back catalogue Do you know any other songs about friendship.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p> 	<p>Learning about the different beliefs followed in Kendal, including a visit from a representative of the Baha'i faith</p>	<p>Investigate the Kendal Unity Festival – an event for which the children will be contributing work.</p>
<p><b>ICT and Computing</b></p> 	<p>Using 'Code Bugs' teach variables in programming and loops.</p>	<p>Code Bugs is a free website and great fun! Please encourage your child to practice their coding skills at home.</p>
<p><b>Global Awareness</b></p> 	<p>What are the stories of indigenous people around the world?</p>	<p>Investigate creation myths from aboriginal and first nation groups.</p>
<p><b>Citizenship</b></p> 	<p>What do we mean by good mental health? What are the strategies for attaining it?</p>	<p>We are talking about this important area in our upper keystage 2 assemblies. Please help your child explore the issues by continuing that discussion at home.</p>

**Dates for your diary:**

**SATs Week for Year 6 w/b 11/5/20**

**3-4th/3/20 Storyteller Ian Douglas working in classes across school**

**4/3/20 WW2 re-enactment visitor**

**5/3/20 World Book Day – come dressed as a book character**

**5/3/20 Key Stage 2 disco**

**26/3/20 V.E Day party – Please come to school dressed in appropriate WW2 clothes**