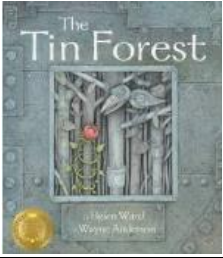









# Castle View Primary School

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Autumn Term 1 2020

<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>Our first book focus this half term will be 'The tin Forest' by Helen Ward. The children will be using this book to write character descriptions, WANTED posters, postcards and even create their own stories based on the book. They will be learning how to use punctuation to record speech and be encouraged to use prepositions (words such as below, under, beyond, within) in their writing. We will be finding out about the life of Roald Dahl and writing a short biography. The children will start to use paragraphs and use headings to organise their writing. A great emphasis will be placed on neat presentation of work and the children will be encouraged to write in a neat cursive style with tall and short letters.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>This term the children will be looking at the value of numbers up to 999. They will be adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 and working with numbers up to 999. We will be counting in 4s and 6s. The children will be placing numbers on a number line. When they are working on a mathematical sum, they will be encouraged to explain their working out and strategies used.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p>Our science topic is Light and Shadow. The children will be finding out how we need light to see and that light moves in straight lines. They will be investigating shadows and making shadow puppets. The children will also learn about the dangers of looking directly at the sun.</p>
<p><b>Topic</b></p> 	<p>This half term we will be investigating castles and their origins. We will also be finding out about the local history of Lancaster Castle and The Pendle Witch trials. We will go for a walk around Lancaster Castle and see if we can see any features on the castle that tell us about the past.</p>
<p><b>Home School Partnership</b></p> 	<p><b>We would like you to help your child at home with the following activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• listen to your child read at least 3 times a week;</li> <li>• practise letter formation in a cursive handwriting style;</li> <li>• practise counting forwards and backwards in 4s and 6s;</li> </ul> <p><b>A variety of different computer activities are available for your child to access via the school website</b></p>
<p><b>Reminders</b></p> 	<p>Reading books and reading record books should be in school <b>every day</b>. PE is on a Monday afternoon and due to the procedures we are putting in place for COVID 19, we are asking that the children to come to school in their P.E. kit every Monday. Their P.E. kits need to be something warm because whenever possible we will be completing P.E. outside (e.g. tracksuit bottoms and top). If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me. Mrs Pullen</p>