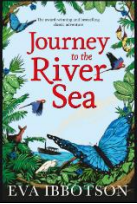








**Castle View Primary School**  
**Year 5 Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2 Term 2020**

Welcome back to Year 5, hopefully you've all had a good break and your child is ready for this busy half term. This newsletter will inform you of what your child will be covering over the next half term, so please help to support them in any way you can. If you have any questions or concerns, please telephone the office and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>Through our English work this half term we will be reading a range of stories linked to South America and the Rainforest. The main story we will be studying is 'Journey to the River Sea', a story about an orphan who moves to the Amazon and the challenges she comes across. We will be exploring the different stories before gathering ideas to write a story; set in the Rainforest. We will also use the facts we have learnt about the Rainforests to participate in a debate, on whether deforestation should continue.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>For maths this half term, the children will continue to learn about statistics; knowing how data can be presented in a variety of ways and how to interpret the different charts and tables. The children will then develop their multiplication and division skills; knowing the difference between factors and multiples; identifying prime, cube and square numbers; and multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p>In science we will compare and group materials according to whether they are solid, liquid or gas. They will observe the changes that occur when they change from one another and understand how the water cycle occurs. Children will also investigate why certain materials are used for different products and be able to state their properties.</p>
<p><b>Topic</b></p> 	<p>Our main topic this half term is 'The Amazing Amazon'. We will study the rainforest, how and why it is formed and why it is special. We will research land usage and how humans have affected it, through deforestation. We will also find out what is happening to protect this vital habitat and what we can do to protect it in the future. Through our art work we will be looking at the work of Henri Rousseau, who used the Rainforest as his inspiration; before creating collages of our own rainforest inspired work.</p>
<p><b>Reminders</b></p> 	<p><b>PE</b> - Our PE lesson will be on a Friday afternoon, and football is on Wednesday, so please remind your child to come in their full PE kit on those days. Swimming is <b>NOT</b> happening at the moment.</p> <p><b>Reading</b> – We expect your child to be reading <b>at least</b> 3 times a week at home and their reading records will be checked every Monday. A raffle ticket is given to your child for every time they read and a monthly draw occurs with great prizes. So the more your child reads the greater chance they have to win!</p> <p><b>Spellings</b> – These are set every Monday and the children will be tested on them every Friday. Please help your child with learning them – it is really important.</p>

Miss Bloomfield & Miss Kirkbride