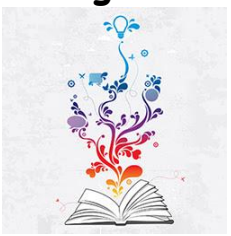
Castle View Primary School
Year 6 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2 2020

English 	This half term Year 6 will be working on the Classic Poem 'The Raven' and will be studying its old language, the story it tells the reader and the atmosphere the language creates. The children will then delve into the work of William Shakespeare by reading and watching different versions of Macbeth. They will explore characters motives and how their emotions are portrayed through language and actions. The children will then practise writing dialogue, battle scenes and using language to create atmosphere in settings. The story of Macbeth will also be used in a unit on persuasive writing where the children will analyse the language and structure of persuasion then apply this to their own writing to a character from Macbeth. For reading, the children will continue to work on a variety of different genres with a focus on answering different questions about the texts they read. As always the children need to be reading at least 3 times a week at home as this helps them enormously with their learning.
Maths 	In maths lessons, the children will be working on everything fractions! They will recap learning on equivalent fractions, mixed fractions and improper fractions. They will then learn how to compare and order fractions, add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions, and find fractions of amounts. After lots of work on fractions the children will complete lessons on position and direction where they will plot co-ordinates, translate and reflect shapes. The children are also working really hard on short weekly arithmetic assessments and are starting to see improvements in their work.
Science 	In science the children will be learning about changes in materials. They will look at dissolving, mixing and changes of state. They will explore reversible and irreversible changes and will investigate how to separate mixtures. The children will link their scientific learning to their work in design technology where they will look at chemical changes in foods.
Topic 	The children will complete some catch up work on the Amazon Rainforest where they will learn about the features of the land in South America and will compare Brazil and the UK. In design technology they will look at what is needed in a healthy diet and will use this knowledge to design and make their own pasta bakes.
Home School Partnership	**We would like you to help your child at home with the following activities:** • Reading at least three times in a week – more if possible! Remember children can use bugclub through our home learning site. • Weekly spellings (sent home every Monday) • Completing projects together from the Jurassic Park writing project.
Reminders	This half term PE will be on a **Wednesday afternoon.** Children should come to school in their PE kit on this day so they don't need to get changed.