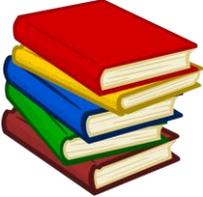




Castle View Primary School
Reception & Year 1 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2 2021

<p>English & Phonics</p> 	<p>The main focus for our reception children this half term is the development of letter recognition and the segmenting and blending of words. We will have lots of additional play-based activities where the children can develop these skills through their play.</p> <p>Our Year 1 children will be developing their sentence composition skills including the use of punctuation. We will also be practising reading some of the tricky words that are an exception to our phonic rules. This will include words such as there, come and should.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>This half term we will continue to explore our understanding of the number system. This will include lots of counting and number recognition activities for our reception children. We will also be ordering numbers, writing numbers correctly and using numbers within our play-based learning activities.</p> <p>Year 1 will continue to develop confidence with addition and subtraction. We will be consolidating our understanding of number bonds and how we can use these to help us with our calculations. Later on this term we will be investigating 2D shapes and patterns.</p>
<p>Understanding the World & Science</p> 	<p>This half term we will be exploring the wonderful world of animal habitats. We will be looking at different species of animals and finding out where they live. Our investigations will help us discover the varied habitats that animals live in and why they choose to live there.</p> <p>Can you find out some animal facts at home and bring them into school?</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>Our topic this half term is a geography-based unit. We will be looking at the area where we live. This will include looking at the area surrounding school and a little further afield. We will be talking about rural and urban locations and finding out how they are different.</p> <p>Whilst out on a walk, can you take a picture of something close to where you live? It might be your garden, a special building or a landmark and bring it into school.</p>
<p>Home School Partnership</p> 	<p>Reading - Please read at home as often as you can. Regular reading at home has a big impact on the progress your child makes. Please complete any sound card or reading activities and write a brief comment in the reading record book. Reading raffle tickets are awarded for reading at home and the prizes are celebrated in an assembly at the end of the month.</p> <p>We will update the reading photograph display by the classroom entrance weekly - will you be one of the children who reads 7 times in a week?</p>
<p>Reminders</p> 	<p>PE is on a Tuesday - please send your child to school in their school PE kit. Please check all items of uniform, lunchboxes and flasks are named. We have a growing collection of un-named items that have been left behind.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any concerns about your child's progress or with any updated information that we need to know.</p>

Thank you