



Castle View Primary School
Year 5 Newsletter
Spring 1 Term 2022

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a good Christmas break and managed to spend some time celebrating with friends and family. 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.

English 	In English this half term the children will study the poems 'Goodnight Stroud' by Pie Corbett and 'Last night, I saw the city breathing' by Andrew Fusek Peters which have similar themes, strong imagery and powerful personification. Once we have studied these poems, the children will compose a free verse poem. Our non-fiction unit, will follow the theme of 'cities' and explore persuasive writing. This will result in children writing a persuasive presentation which they will present to the class in the role of residents at a public meeting to discuss plans for building a football stadium.
Maths 	For maths this half term, the children will continue to develop their written calculation skills by answering a range of multiplication and division questions. They will understand which methods to use for different styles of questions. We will then move onto looking at and understanding fractions. The children will be able to work out equivalent fractions and change fractions from improper to mixed number fractions.
Science 	In science we will be covering the topic of Earth and Space. We will be studying how we get night and day, how the moon appears to change shape and how the Earth and other planets move around the sun, as well as investigating how shadows change throughout the day. We will also be looking at who has explored space and what they have learnt during their time away from Earth.
History	The children will journey back in time as they find out about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England and how England became a unified country. They will explore where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from, how they fought for territory and power, and how their fighting ultimately led to the kingdom of England we know today. Along the way, they will also find out what life was like for everyday people living in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain, exploring things such as Viking runes and Anglo-Saxon stories like Beowulf.
Reminders 	PE - Our PE lesson will be on a Friday afternoon, so please remind your child to come in their full PE kit (white T shirts and navy shorts or joggers, with their school sweatshirt) on this day. Swimming is every Tuesday afternoon and please note we will not return to school until 3.15pm . Reading – We expect your child to be reading at least 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! Spellings – These are set every Monday and the children will be tested on them every Friday. Please help your child with learning them – this is really important.

Miss Bloomfield & Miss Kirkbride