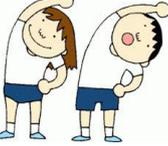




Castle View Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2020

Welcome 	WELCOME! A big welcome to the new children starting Castle View School this week. I am really proud of how they have all managed themselves in their first few days of school. Separating from family can be a difficult time for some children and in my experience the best way to deal with this is to go quickly rather than draw out the process. A big well done to both yourselves and of course the children for managing this so well.
Baseline 	For the first few weeks the adults in the class will be getting to know the children. This will involve talking to the children and playing alongside them as much as possible. Whilst we are doing this we will be assessing the children's current knowledge in all the areas of learning.
Reading 	All the children will start to learn letter sounds after their baseline assessment is complete. The children will receive a new flashcard in their bookbag each time a new sound is introduced. Please practise these every night with your child to help them to learn to say sounds and read words speedily. You will receive a reading record booklet. Please date and sign the record every day after you have practised the sounds. Children who practise their sounds at home at least 3 times a week and have a minimum of 3 signatures in their reading record will get their photo up in the class window. These will be counted and checked every Monday. In the next few weeks a letter will come home inviting you to a phonics and reading information session. This will explain how we teach reading at school and how you can support this at home.
Learning 	The children will be introduced to the story of 'Pete the Cat' who is starting school just like them! We have a class Pete the Cat too for the children to learn with. We will also be looking at other 'starting school stories' including 'Harry and the dinosaurs'. Establishing rules and routines will be a big focus this half term and they will be learning all about themselves, each other and the season of Autumn will be explored in October.
P.E 	P.E will take place on Tuesday mornings. The children can come in a P.E kit on Tuesday instead of their school uniform. This is navy blue joggers, navy blue sports shorts and a white T-shirt. Their school jumper can be worn over the top, but no hoodies or sports tops please. Trainers can be worn instead of school shoes on this day.
Notices 	On Fridays the class teacher will be Mrs Simmonds. Teaching assistants in the class will be Mrs Noone and Miss Nutt. Some Year 1 children are also based in our class this year.
Useful Websites	Dough Disco- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-IfzeG1aC4&safe=active
	If you have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Mrs Tattersall

