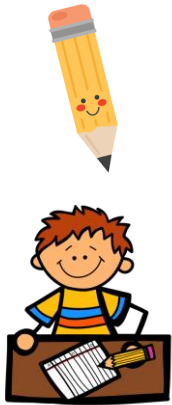









Castle View Primary Academy Reception and Year 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2023

<p>English</p> 	<p>Our reception aged children will begin their school year developing their understanding of our phonics scheme. There will be lots of opportunities for children to explore practical activities to support the development of letter recognition and word building. We will be practising saying each sound clearly and forming the letters correctly when writing. Our Year One children will continue to work in their small Read Write phonics groups each morning. They will learn and practise different phonic sounds every day before reading and writing words containing these sounds. The children will come home with books and/or cards which they would love to share with you at home. The faster the children pick up the phonic sounds, the quicker they will be able to read and write, so your support at home is extremely valuable and important. We will be learning basic punctuation such as capital letters and full stops. This year, great emphasis will be placed on neat presentation of work and all children will be encouraged to write in a neat style with tall and short letters.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Our reception children will be using practical maths activities as they begin their mathematical journey in school. We will be exploring a variety of different resources and using them to count, sequence and make patterns. Year One will be looking at the value of numbers and where these numbers fit on a number line. We will be looking at missing numbers and counting groups of objects consistently. The children will be counting forward and backward from different numbers.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In science the children will be naming different parts of the human body and learning about the different senses (smelling, tasting, touching, hearing and seeing). They will be talking about changes in the weather as we move into Autumn. The children will observe changes around them including leaves falling from some trees and some animals getting ready for hibernation.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>In history the children will become historians as they learn about childhood and how it has changed over time, particularly from when their grandparents were small children. If you have any old toys at your home that you or your parents played with, we would love to borrow/see them.</p>
<p>Home School Partnership</p> 	<p>We would like you to help your child at home with the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• listen to your child read at least 3 times every week and then discuss what has been read to develop their understanding• practise letter formation• practise helping your child to dress and undress in preparation for PE.
<p>Reminders</p> 	<p>Reading books, reading record books and any book bag activities should be in school every day.</p> <p>PE is on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Please make sure that your child has their named PE kit (pumps, blue shorts and white t-shirt) in school. They will keep this in a bag on their peg. We will be changing into our PE kits in school.</p> <p>Children need to bring a coat and water bottle to school every day.</p> <p>Please make sure that ALL items of school uniform are clearly named.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you.</p>