








Castle View Primary Academy

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2023

<p>English</p> 	<p>This half term we will be learning about stories with a dilemma and developing our argument and discussion skills. We will be using hot-seating to explore a character's motivations, feelings and actions and writing our own dilemma story using direct speech.</p> <p>We will also be learning about information texts and how they are organised. We will be thinking about the difference between facts and opinions and why they are useful to the reader. We will be writing our own information text and thinking about how the information can be grouped to make it clearer.</p> <p>Our class novel this half term is 'The Last Bear'.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In maths, we will be learning about numbers up to 10,000. This will include partitioning them, comparing them, ordering them and placing them on a numberline. We will learn how to round numbers and will also learn about negative numbers and Roman Numerals. As well as learning our times tables, we will also learn how to count in steps of 25. We will be learning how to add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits including exchanges.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In Science we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will use the local environment throughout the year to raise and answer questions that will help the children to identify and study plants and animals in their habitat. We will investigate habitats and how they change throughout the year. The children will explore examples of human impact (both positive and negative) on environments, for example, the positive effects of nature reserves, ecologically planned parks, or garden ponds, and the negative effects of population and development, litter and deforestation.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>In History we will be studying 'The Romans'. The children will become fully immersed in learning all about the Romans! They will investigate everything from gladiators and aqueducts to emperors and goddesses. They will research and explore the impact Romans had on life today.</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 a week (more would be better!) and then discuss what has been read to develop their understanding • Practise weekly spellings • Practise times tables on 'Times tables Rock Stars' and 'Hit the Button' <p>A variety of different computer activities are also available for your child to access via the school website.</p>
<p>Reminders</p>	<p>Reading books, reading record books and spelling books should be in school every day. PE is on a Monday afternoon, and children will change into their P.E. kit at school. Their P.E. kits need to be a white t-shirt with their school jumper over the top and navy jogging bottoms. Children will also need trainers or pumps.</p> <p>Year 4 will also be going to Lancaster University for their swimming lesson on a Thursday morning. They will need to bring their swim suit/trunks, a swimming cap (if they have long hair) and a towel.</p>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us in school.

Miss Boardman and Miss Cudby