Castle View Primary School
Year 4 Newsletter
Spring Term 1 2024

English	In English our lessons will be based on the story of 'How the Stars Came to Be' by Poonam Mistry. This is a fiction text and will provide many opportunities to develop our skills of oral story telling. We will begin to explore and develop an insight into the culture and history of origin stories. Whilst comparing our class novel with other creation tales from around the world, we will structure and write our own adaptions of a creation story.
Maths	In Year 4 this half term, we will learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. We will also be solving problems involving multiplication and division and estimating answers to calculations before checking our answers. In addition to this, we will be learning how to find the area and perimeter of different shapes. Don't forget to keep practising how to multiply and divide by 3, 6, 9 and 7.
Science	In Science we will be learning about Electricity. We've already started by looking at the appliances that run on both mains and battery-powered electricity. Next, we will be exploring simple electrical circuits and identifying and naming the various components that make them work. Finally, we will be investigating how switches work and also testing materials that make good conductors and insulators of electricity. This should be a really exciting topic!
History	Our History focus this half term will look at the Anglo-Saxon period of British History. We will be exploring the reasons behind the Anglo-Saxon invasion on British shores from mainland Europe following the Romans' departure. We will be investigating the types of settlements and communities established by the Anglo Saxons and what daily life was like during those times.
Home School Partnership	**We would like you to help your child at home with the following activities:** • listen to your child read at least three times each week and then discuss what has been read to develop their understanding; • practise weekly spellings; • practise times tables on 'Times Tables Rock Stars' A variety of different computer activities are also available for your child to access via the school website.
Reminders	Reading books and reading record books should be in school **every day**. PE is on **Monday afternoons** and swimming is on a **Thursday morning**. Please note there will not be a swimming lesson this week. For P.E, children need to wear the school PE kit - a white t-shirt with their school jumper over the top and navy jogging bottoms. Children will also need trainers or pumps in a bag.

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

Miss Boardman and Mrs Cudby