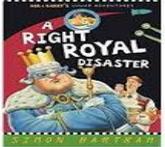




Castle View Primary School

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2020

<p>English</p> 	<p>Year 2 will read and compare stories by the author Simon Bartram: 'Man on the Moon' and 'A Right Royal Disaster.' They will improve their comprehension skills and continue to build their vocabulary. The children will then plan and write a new chapter for 'A Right Royal Disaster.' After this, Year 2 will learn how to write a non-chronological report about the famous astronaut Neil Armstrong and his groundbreaking expedition to The Moon.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>The children will solve problems involving multiplication and division, using apparatus (cubes, counters and objects), arrays, repeated addition, mental methods and multiplication and division facts, including problems that have a real-life context. They will also interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables. In Geometry, the children will learn about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Year 2 will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>This half term, our exciting topic is called 'Explorers' and Year 2 will learn about and compare the achievements of Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. The children will learn what an explorer is and which skills and qualities an explorer needs to have. They will also learn the importance of using reliable sources of information when researching, how to sequence significant historical events and think about why famous explorers from the past acted in the way they did. In Geography, the children will learn about a small area within the contrasting non-European country of Thailand. This will be an area similar in size to the children's own home city of Lancaster. In Design Technology, Year 2 will design, make and evaluate space buggies that have wheels and axles. In ICT, the children will use the internet to research famous explorers and practise basic programming skills. The key focus in Religious Education this half term will be to learn about the religion of Sikhism. The children will describe some of the rituals performed in the Gurdwara and consider how these are helpful to Sikhs in their worship.</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 every day and then discuss what has been read to develop their understanding; • practise letter formation in a cursive handwriting style; • practise counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s; • practise adding and subtracting a 2 digit number to/from another 2 digit number up to 100 using base 10; • practise quick recall of doubles up to 10 + 10 and corresponding halves. <p>A variety of different computer activities are available for your child to access via the school website, including Bug Club.</p>
<p>Reminders</p>	<p>Reading books and reading record books should be in school every day. Reading books will be changed after your child has finished reading their book. PE lessons will be held every Monday. PE kits should be kept in school with all items clearly labelled. PE lessons will be held every Monday. We will send them home at half term so that they can be washed. Homework is usually handed out every Friday and is due to be handed in the following Thursday. If you have any concerns about your child's education or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to me.</p>