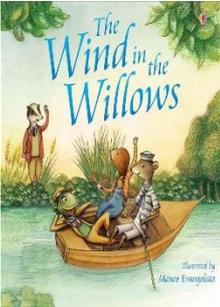




Castle View Primary School

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2020

<p>English</p> 	<p>Units studied this half term will be: 'Animal Adventure Stories' (the children will plan and write an additional chapter for the classic novel 'The Wind in the Willows') and 'Recount: Letters' based on writing to a character from 'The Wind in the Willows'. The children will also read and write their own riddles about different animals which will be displayed in the classroom for other KS1 children to read.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>The children will recognise, find, name and write the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a given length, shape, set of objects or quantity. They will write simple fractions for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$. Year 2 will also choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature ($^{\circ}$C) and capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels. They will also compare and order lengths, mass and volume/capacity, recording the results.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>The children's focus in their science learning this half term is 'Living things and habitats.' They will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, (including micro-habitats) and describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain. They will also identify and name different sources of food. The children will learn that different kinds of plants and animals live in different places and that there are different habitats near our school which need to be cared for. There will be lots of outdoor learning that the children will really enjoy!</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>Our 'Wind in the Willows' topic has strong science, English and Design Technology links. In Design Technology, the children will design and make a new coat to keep an animal warm and/or dry using a template, simple joining and choices of stitches and materials. In Geography, the children will learn about areas in Australia, making comparisons with the area in which they live. They will compare the physical and human features of both areas and enjoy Aboriginal artwork. The Information and Computing Technology learning this half term, will provide opportunities to work on statistics in mathematics. The children will be introduced to different methods of presenting and analysing data. In PE, the children will create and perform animal dance sequences and in Music lessons we will also continue to learn all of the fun songs for the forthcoming Lancaster Music Festival.</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; • continue to 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 dividing by 2, 3, 4 and 10. <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. We will send them home at half term so they can be washed. • Homework is usually handed out every Friday and is due to be handed in the following Thursday. <p>If you have any concerns about your child's education or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to me.</p>