



# Primary 6 Newsletter

## August 2019



Welcome back to school, it is so nice to have everyone back and hear all their news. The class have settled back in really well and are getting used to our changed routines. Well done Primary 6!

We are excited about a new year with Primary 6. Mrs Clarke will be with the class on a Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs Robertson will be in on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are really looking forward to getting to know everyone and have lots of fun while learning. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Mrs Clarke & Mrs Robertson

### Twitter

Keep up with what is happening in P6 this year by following us on Twitter. We all enjoy reading your positive comments so please feel free to tell us about what you've enjoyed. @CastlehillPri



### P.E. and Outdoor Learning.

This term we will have P.E. on a Tuesday and a Friday. As you know all PE will take place outside following government guidelines so please ensure your child has full gym kit, including appropriate outdoor wear. All jewellery must be removed and long hair tied back for P.E. This term we are focussing on fitness to improve our strength and cardio fitness. We will track our progress and hope to see positive results.

### Topic

Our rights-based literacy topic is planned around 'The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle', by Victoria Williamson. The novel is set in Scotland in a fictitious 'Drumhill', centring on two girls experiencing struggles relating to bullying, poverty, asylum seeking and loneliness. As always, the themes explored are thought provoking and will lead into discussions related to children's rights and our Class Charter.



### Mathematics and Numeracy

We will begin this term by revising the four basic mathematical operations; revising times tables regularly at home will help to support this work. We will also be focussing on presentation and layout in order to support the accuracy of written work. As always our expectations will be of the highest standards.

Our key topics this term will be time, including 24hr and timetables; multiplication strategies; and place value, including tenths and hundredths.

We will share our most common written methods so you are aware how the children are expected to lay out calculations.

### Bugclub

Alongside our RRS novel study the children will be expected to carry out reading using the Bugclub resource. This is an online resource which aligns to your child's individual level of reading. Children will be expected to access their reading a minimum of three nights per week for around 15 minutes. The beauty of this online resource is that books can never be left in trays or at Time-out, Granny's house etc. and can be done anywhere from a tablet, phone or PC. The books come with 'bugs' to be answered that check in with understanding of the story and grammar, which feeds back to class teachers.

### Homework

We will be working on ways to share homework digitally over the coming weeks. In the meantime, there will be times when we will send paper or books home from school. We acknowledge that this is creating a bridge between our class bubbles and individual homes. The advice we are working to at the moment is that non-porous materials, such as paper or cardboard, should be left for 24 hours before being touched. If you are unable to do this, then please adhere to strict hand hygiene procedures such as hand sanitising or hand washing before and after touching the materials and avoid touching your face. These are the protocols we are following with letters/work etc sent into school.

Homework will continue to be spelling, reading, numeracy and project work where appropriate.

We would be grateful if pencil cases can be left at school rather than go back and forth between home and class. A gentle reminder that school bags and lunch boxes should be disinfected, or washed daily.