



The **BROADCAST'**

Newsletter 19: Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Families

The Government has shared with us all their optimism that schools will reopen on Monday 8th March. We are planning for this to become a reality and very much hope that the children will be back in school where they belong. In the meantime, we have two weeks home learning to guide you through continuing to do a sterling job and then two weeks following half term. We can't praise you enough for how positively you have continued to work with us and to prioritise your child's mental health above all else. Every week we have continued to take small steps in providing you with more of a personalised programme to Castle Hill. Below, we will set out our plans for the next two weeks offer.

Key Stage 1 – As of next week it is our intention to support you further with home learning. We recognise that it is a particular issue with providing Key Stage 1 children with physical reading material at the appropriate level. We are inviting one adult from the household to come and choose 3 reading books from the appropriate level guided by the classteacher. You will be advised of the day and time on the class Seesaw. When returning the reading books there will be a box for you to put them straight in for 72 hours. We look forward to seeing you.

Congratulations everybody that has managed to log onto Google Meet. This has enabled us to ascertain that the vast majority of our families are able to access these meetings from some device.

We will be planning work around a book for English next week and uploading a worksheet for your child on Google Classroom. They then 'Turn it in' for their teacher to see how they have completed it.

The week before half term all children will be invited to a live art lesson led by Mrs Ward. She will guide them through a project that can be undertaken during half term.

Our aim after half term is to continue to step up the engagement through Google Classroom

The Big Write title for next week is:

Please look after this bear – Pobble 365

Useful resources

On the email is a guide to help you know how to access the worksheet from Google Classroom that your teacher will upload next week. It also supports you knowing how to 'Turn it in'.

After half term:-

We think the quality of Oak National Academy for the majority of subjects is high and will continue to promote its use alongside hyperlinks to other resources specified by the teacher. We will add the weekly CLIC test through Google Classroom so that your child is completing the same mental maths as they would be doing in school. We use White Rose resources in school and these can be accessed at home as a supplement to Oak National Academy. We recommend you take a look at what they have to offer.

As we all know, the expectations for remote learning have evolved since the first lockdown. I have put some selected links below in case they are of interest to support your remote learning.

- First News, the weekly newspaper aimed at 7-14 year olds, is offering free access to the publication for a limited period of time during school closures.
- Virtual library- set up by Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust
- Get Epic- a free, digital library for children
- Julia Donaldson packs
- CBBC - Lockdown Learning

These are for parents that feel they need resources in addition to those highlighted on the class timetable.



We are impressed by the quality of the work that you are producing at home.

Well done to Riley Parker in Year 4 for this outstanding piece of artwork.

Lots of you will have completed workbooks and want to share them with your child's teacher. The packs will be collected in for this purpose on the following days:

YR - Tuesday 2nd February

Y1 - Thursday 4th February

Y2 - Monday 1st February

Y3 - Monday 1st February

Y4 - Tuesday 2nd February

Y5 - Wednesday 3rd February

Please place them in the plastic box outside the school office.

We will not be providing more workbooks. I know this will be a disappointment to some of you. Unfortunately, the school cannot sustain the cost of them for everyone and we are encouraged to provide work online.