



# Caston CofE Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break.

Over the next half term, during English lessons, we will be focusing on writing a 'First Person Narrative' based on the book 'The Ways of the Wolf'. In maths, we will continue our work on the four operations, Fractions, Decimals and percentages. We will also be covering Measurement, Geometry and year 6s will learn Algebra. Children will study our History topic of 'The Kingdom of Benin' to find out about the lives of the people and their leaders. In science, the children will be studying Scientists and Inventors. Year 6 students will continue to prepare for their SATs which will be in May.

Reading is an integral part of education and it is important to read with your child as much as possible. After reading each time, the children need to write a sentence, about what they have read, in their reading journal to ensure that they are reading with comprehension and understand what the story is about. Their journal needs to be seen weekly by an adult who will collate their inputs which are recorded. Please encourage and support your child to read, as according to research, students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little (Sullivan and Brown 2013). Your child will receive a certificate for every 15 reads and could be entered into the prize draw for a book voucher at the end of term.

P.E. will continue to be on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a P.E. kit on these days. We recommend a P.E kit is kept in school and we will send it home every half term to be washed, or when we feel it is necessary. Your child will need an outdoor P.E kit (Jumper/joggers/leggings/trainers) as we will take them outside as much as possible. Hair must be tied back for PE lessons and earrings removed (taped only if they cannot be removed).

As usual your child will have a weekly piece of homework. I provide a printout for homework each week so there is no reason for children not to complete it and give it in. All children's Maths homework is accessible on Smash Maths, to which each child has their own individual login. Please encourage your child to complete their homework as it consolidates their learning and helps the children to retain the information they are learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to me.

Mrs Wickers