Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to the new school term! I hope you had a lovely holiday. We have had a great few weeks back at school and the children have settled in wonderfully.

Dates for your diary:
The Christmas dates will be sent out separately to you after half term.
Mr Heatherington will be writing to you to confirm the school closure for the move in due course.

Staff for the year will be as follows:
Miss Rogers - Class teacher (a.rogers@castlehillprimary.co.uk)
Miss Smith - Class teacher (Tuesday morning)
Mrs Bowmer – TA (PPA cover)
Miss Ambler – TA
Lindsay
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Reminders:
Each day, children need to bring their book bag, reading book and water bottle filled with water only.
Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for school (school shoes or trainers for PE days).

PE days:
Monday **(Outside)** and Tuesday **(Inside)**
Please arrive in your PE kit on these days. We would like to remind you that Castle Hill has a school PE kit uniform, which is a plain white t-shirt, black/navy shorts or joggers, appropriate footwear and a black/navy unbranded hoodie/fleece for outdoor PE. Please make sure all jewellery is taken off and hair is tied up on these days.

Below you will find an overview of the Autumn 1 topics.

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Abigayle Rogers

English

In English we are using the Drawing Club Scheme of work. Some of the books we will be focusing on this term are:

- A Tiger Who Came to Tea
- Cops and Robbers
- The Colour Monster
- We're going on a Bear Hunt
- Room on the Broom
- Christopher Pumpkin

Each day, the children will create a picture related to the weeks focus book using their imagination and will develop their writing skills by composing sentences about their artwork.

Phonics

We will be continuing to use the Floppy Phonics scheme. Your child will be sent home with their phonics book every 2 weeks with a focus on the sounds we have looked at in class. Please read these with your child as much as possible throughout those 2 weeks.

Reading

Reading books will need to come to school everyday as we try and read with the children throughout the day. Your child will need to read their book 3 times at home or at school before changing it. Please keep track of your child's reading in their reading record.

Maths

We continue to follow the White Rose scheme of learning, focussing on the following themes:

- Place Value (within 10)
- Shape
- Addition and subtraction (within 10)

Science

We will be following the amazing Kapow Scheme or Learning. In this term we are covering the unit: Seasonal changes – where we will explore how seasonal changes affect trees, weather patterns and daylight hours.

After October half term we will be looking at everyday materials, discovering the difference between objects and materials by exploring and classifying a variety of items.

Computing

The children will be looking at Grouping and sorting at the computer and away from the computer.

We will also look at Data in Pictures, creating our own pictograms on the computers.

P.E.

In PE this term, our units of work will cover;

- Jungle Yoga
- Locomotor skills
- Body control
- Gymnastics

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Art / DT

Following the Kapow Scheme of work, this term we are looking at Exploring line and shape; working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces inspired by artists such as Paul Klee.

Through our Design & Technology unit, the children will be exploring slider mechanisms and the movement they output to design, make and evaluate a moving storybook.

PSHE and RE:

In PSHE we are looking at 'My Healthy Self', with a big focus on emotions. Children will recognise and name a range of emotions. They will learn to identify facial and body clues linked to feelings.

In RE, we are looking at 'How do we make good choices?'. We will be focusing on how and why we have rules looking at The Ten Commandments and how they are ten rules for Christians and Jews.

Music

Using the Kapow Scheme, we will be look at the unit 'My favourite things: Keeping the pulse', where the children will learn how to keep a steady pulse, they will take part in music and movement activities inspired by their favourite things.

In music we will also be using our voices, bodies and instruments to listen and respond to different pieces of music, pupils learn and perform rhyme and song with a focus on tempo.

History

In History, the children will investigate the past within living memory by exploring personal chronology and using photographs to ask and answer questions about the past with the aim to answer the topics question;
How am I making History?

Geography

In geography, we will be developing our map skills by looking at the different countries and cities in the UK and how the weather changes across the sour seasons.

Our topic question is;
What is the weather like in the UK?