



Castle Carrock Primary School
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Wisdom begins in Wonder! Socrates

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Dear Parents/Carers,

8th November 2017

We will be starting our new topic of 'Light and Dark/Festivals' this half term and are looking forward to finding out more about the variety of celebrations and festivals taking place at this time of year. We have already celebrated Halloween, Bonfire night and Diwali and we are looking forward to finding out about Christmas time. Many of our planned activities will be promoted through hands on practical experiences. The children are enjoying having a dark cave role play area after listening to the story of 'Owl Babies' and are using torches and other light sources to explore the dark. We will also be following the children's interests that develop as we cover this topic area and we have attached an overview of the planning.

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit in school. This should be in a **named** drawstring bag and include a pair of navy or black shorts and a white t-shirt. Suitable outdoor footwear such as plimsolls or trainers, with velcro fastenings, will be required for outdoor games. A pair of jogging trousers and a sweatshirt should also be included as we do try to get outside if we can. **As with all other school uniform, P.E. kits must be clearly named.**

Please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots in school. These can be left on their pegs so the children can use them when needed. We do have access to outdoor play on a daily basis and this is an essential part of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Reading and Homework

The Nursery children will choose a library book to bring home to share with you. Please read through the story with them, talk about the story and draw a picture about it in the book which we provide.

The Reception children will be given a reading book to share with you at home. Reading books will be changed twice a week. Please bring reading books into school every day. It is useful for your child to have a school book bag which can be purchased from the school office. The individual support you give your child at home in reading is both invaluable and essential. Re reading of some books should be encouraged to help develop familiarity and confidence. Reception children will be given letter sounds and key words to practise at home to reinforce the work taking place in the classroom.

Please use the blue reading diary to record anything else you would like us to know about, and please let us know about the things your child enjoys doing at home and any other interests they may have.

The children can bring any objects or books that are of particular interest to them, especially things associated with our topic work. 'Show and Tell' sessions take place on a Friday which gives the children the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills.

We hope this information is of use to you. If you do have any questions or concerns at any time please contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

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