

Friday Newsletter – 28th February 2025

Welcome back to our Spring 2 half term! It's been another busy week at Castle View. As always, our fantastic children have been participating in some engaging and "tasty" curriculum activities. Some of you will be aware that we were in receipt of an Ofsted inspection over Wednesday and Thursday. In keeping with requirements of Ofsted, we will be able to share the outcomes of the inspection with you once the published report has been returned to school. I expect this to be from mid-March onwards.

Fantastic Behaviour Awards

Reception – Ivy
Year 1/2 – Alfie

Year 3/4 – Nelly
Year 5/6 – Sarah



Year 1/2 - Working like Scientists

This week the children in Mrs Walker's class have been working like real scientists as they classified and sorted different types of animals (vertebrates). Soon they began to realise that animals could be sorted into different groups- fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. They then went on to discover that reptiles have scaly skin, cold blood and lay eggs. Great work everyone!



Year 5/6 - Pastabilities are endless!!

As part of DT learning, Y5/6 honed their culinary skills and became master chefs. They chopped, peeled, grated, boiled and fried to create some delicious and nutritious pasta bakes to enjoy.



Superstars Certificates for outstanding work



The following children have all worked their socks off in class and have been awarded a certificate for their great attitude to learning:

Miss Spencer – Justin and Kaylan
Mrs Walker – Harry and Kir

Mrs Hamer – Lily C and Leo
Mrs Stoves – Marek and Michalina

Year 3/4 - Collaging

This week, Year 3/4 have been cutting out and preparing for their collage unit in Art. As you can see, they have been experimenting with cutting paper to achieve different effects as fringing and curling.



Attendance

The winners of the best attendance prize this week are the children in Miss Spencer's class. Brilliant job!

Mrs Spencer's Day Trippers!

Our topic this term in Reception is "Once Upon a Time." This week, the children have been reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

Using their engineering skills, they explored different materials to build bridges, demonstrating creativity and problem-solving. They also did a fantastic job acting out the story—some of our trolls were especially scary!

In maths, the focus was on exploring height and length. The children used non-standard units to measure and compare various objects and had great fun measuring their own height using blocks.



Regular Readers The following children have read at home 7 times (or even more!) and we are so proud of them that we want to share their names with you!

Miss Spencer – Rory

Mrs Walker – Raynard

Mrs Hamer – Ruby T, Lilly-Mae S, Pooya, Lilly B, Umjimme

Mrs Stoves – Amaan, Hollie, Isabella, George, Thaanika, Sarah, Ellie-Mae, James, Marek, McKenzie

Well done children. As the children will tell you, reading is a super power!



Our **Talking Point** for this week is Responsibility. Our value for this half term is responsibility. What is responsibility? Have a discussion about what we are all responsible for. Keeping our bedrooms tidy? Washing the dishes? Cleaning our teeth?

We believe that talking at home is brilliant for everyone! When you talk to your family, you share ideas, learn new things, and discover more about each other. It helps you understand your feelings, solve problems, and builds strong connections. Whether it's at mealtimes, before bed, or on the way to school, make time for a good natter.

Best wishes

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