



Stonerise School

Class Elm Newsletter Spring 1st Half Term

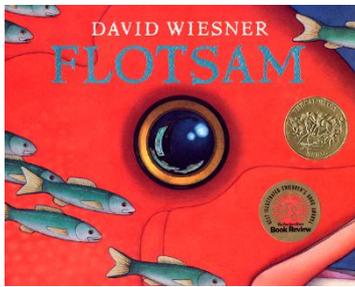
Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and enjoyed some quality family time. As we embark on 2020, our first topic of the year is 'Artists' as we ask the question...

Who is your favourite artist and why?

During the topic, we will be looking at a variety of artists, the techniques they use and what has influenced their artwork. We will work to master our own art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials. Then review, revisit our ideas.

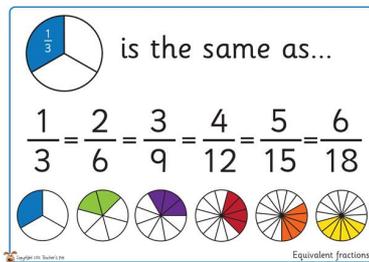
English



This half term we look at a wordless picture book by David Wiesner. A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam—anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets to share . . . and to keep. The images that follow, are wonderfully thought-provoking and will no doubt encourage the children's own imaginative writing.



Maths



We will begin the year continuing our learning from last half term by looking at perimeter and area. Following on from this we will focus on fractions, starting with recognising fractions and revising the necessary mathematical vocabulary. We will then move on to counting in fractions, equivalent fractions and the addition and subtraction of fractions with the same denominators. We will also be practising our multiplication using written methods to enable us to multiply bigger numbers. Continuing practice of times tables helps greatly with both these areas of maths and we appreciate your continued effort to encourage your child to engage with times tables activities at home.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'What's that sound?' The children will encounter how sounds are made on a variety of instruments and how they can be changed in volume, pitch and over distance. They will explore making sounds on a range of objects that aren't instruments, in order to investigate how sounds are created to make music. Thinking like scientists, they will develop their research skills using data loggers to help in their quest to find out the best way to reduce noise.

PE

A very exciting addition to this term's physical education will be our weekly visit to Morton swimming pool on a Monday afternoon. A separate letter will follow with more details. Our regular PE slot with Carlisle United will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child is equipped with both indoor and outdoor kit.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Wendy Pratt and Linzi Jones.