



Stoneraise School

Class Elm Newsletter Summer 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you have had a relaxed yet enjoyable Easter break. Let's hope the summer term finally brings some warmer weather.

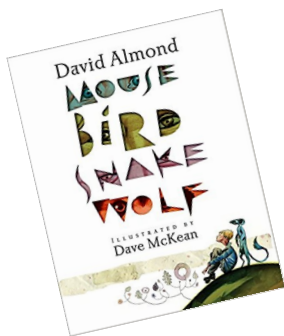
This half term our focus question is:

How can I look after myself well?

During our topic sessions we'll be looking at what contributes to a healthy diet and the role of exercise in keeping fit.

English

Our main text this half term is 'Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf' This powerful and thought-provoking text, written by David Almond and illustrated in graphic novel-style by the world-renowned artist, Dave McKean will enable children to explore the beauty and dangers of nature as well as the importance of boundaries and self-restraint. I have no doubt it will offer a good model for the children's own persuasive writing, debate and to structure written arguments.



Maths

We'll begin this half-term by revisiting written multiplication methods and calculating the area of shapes. Following on from this we'll be looking at different types of graphs and incorporating problem solving into different areas of maths.

The focus on learning our times tables will continue. To support the children's learning at home Mathletics is a fantastic online resource alongside this a wide range of games of differing levels of challenge can be found at:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/>

Science

In science this half term our topic ties in nicely with our topic as our unit is called 'Food and our bodies'. The children will work scientifically on a variety of quick challenges and longer tasks to learn about food and their bodies. This topic looks at where animals get their food from and why it is important. It also looks at skeletons and muscles.

Computing

This half term we will become co-authors. The children will collaborate to create a 'mini Wikipedia' about healthy lifestyles thereby linking it to our topic. They will then go on to add or amend content on the real Wikipedia and be aware of the responsibility's when editing other people's work.

Homework

Weekly tasks will continue to be set on Mathletics and Spellodrome to consolidate what your child has been learning within the classroom. Please let me know if your child has problems accessing these programs as in lower KS2 children are expected to read at least three times a week with an adult at home. Please comment in their reading records when you share a book with your child.

In addition to this there is the option of completing a homework project which is linked to our topic each half term. Some ideas this half term may be to:

Design and build a bridge using materials of choice.
Create a fact file on a famous bridge and present it PowerPoint.

During the last week of the half term any children completing a project will have the opportunity to present it to the rest of the class.

PE

It was great to see some fantastic progression in the pool last term with our weekly swimming lesson.

This half term we will enjoy coaching from CUFC on Monday afternoons and a second PE session on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, including plimsolls for indoor sessions.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Wendy Pratt and Linzi Jones.