



Stoneraise School

Class Hazel Newsletter

Summer 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic half term. We are now entering into our final half term of the school year; Class Hazel can't believe how quickly Year 5 has gone by! As always, we have many things to look forward to in the coming weeks.

In the run up to our summer performance, we will be continuing our geography topic. We will be comparing Great Britain to South America with a link to our new class book.



English

Our English text this half term is **Journey to the River Sea** by Eva Ibbotson. The text follows Maia, who has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for

making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences. This text will create some fantastic writing opportunities for the children.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be starting the half term by recapping and building on our knowledge of shape. We will then be continuing our work on fractions, particularly scaling by a simple fraction. Towards the end of the half term, we will focus on problem solving.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at different forces and their effects, including gravity and water resistance. We will be carrying out scientific investigations to do this, which we will plan carry out and explain.



Our summer performance this year is called, 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay. Here's a brief synopsis:

It's World War II and London isn't safe. The five Dawson children are evacuated to the coast to stay at the large home of Eggin-Drake, Minister of Information. They're thrown in amongst all sorts of characters - from the dishevelled Home Guard and air-raid wardens to the surly gamekeeper and the retired sea captain. It soon becomes apparent to the children that there is a spy in their midst. Determined to investigate, they head down to the Quay and snoop around the smugglers' caves. But who is the spy? Can their plan be foiled before it's too late? And just what IS the strange secret about the JAM?

Join Duggie, Billy and Rosie as they head the investigation in this lively, dramatic mystery production with an exciting script and seven fantastic songs.

But don't breathe a word about it to anyone else.

Scripts should have already made their way home for the children to be able to learn their lines.

Our **PE** sessions will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoon.

Finally, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

Samantha Armstrong