



Class Oak Newsletter Summer 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Happy summer everyone! We had a brilliant time at Robinwood, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Photos of the visit are available through our school Twitter account (also on our website).

We're entering our final term of the year and the children have been continuing to make tremendous progress across the curriculum. I was delighted that so many parents were able to make it to parents evening; it was great to have a chat with each of you about how your child has progressed this year – they truly are a great bunch of Kids!

Our topic this half term is based around the question:

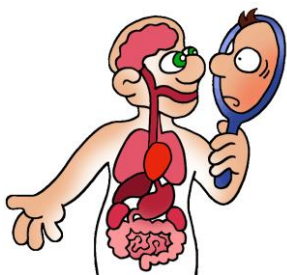
How can I look after myself?

We will be thinking about how we can look after our bodies, health and mind. We will have a major science focus, thinking how amazing the human body really is.

Science

This topic considers life processes that are internal to the body, such as the circulatory system, parts of the digestive system and how they transport fluids around the body. The

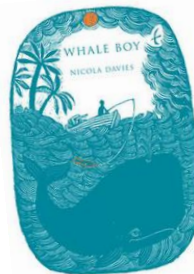
impact of lifestyle on bodies, particularly of humans, will also be considered. Scientists are continually finding out what is good and bad for us, and their ideas do change as more research is carried out. We will think about all of the aspects that make up a healthy lifestyle.



English

Our text for this half term is called 'Whale Boy' by Nicola Davies. We will be making links between Michael's lifestyle and our own, particularly thinking about our own emotional wellbeing.

Michael, a young boy growing up on the tropical island of Rose Town, has been saving up for his own fishing boat for years. But when a terrible storm wrecks his home, Michael is forced to take a job working for a rich, mysterious newcomer named Spargo.



Spargo asks Michael to search for one thing in the deep waters around Rose Town - whales...

Mathematics

During our maths lessons, the Year 5 children will be exploring converting different units of measurement (metric and imperial). Following this they will then solve measures problems. They will look into interpreting and creating timetables and will scrub up on their time skills. The Year 6 children will recap on their arithmetic methods and continue to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills.

Year 6 National Assessments

This term our Year 6 children will take their national assessments. I will be spending about three weeks with them leading up to the test week. Miss Pattinson, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Byrne will be working with the Year 5's during the morning sessions. As a school we don't push tests on the children all year but it is only right that we help them become familiar with 'test etiquette' in the weeks leading up to their assessments. In previous years this has served our children well.

Here are the test dates for your diary. Please ensure that your child is in school punctually on each of these dates:

Date	Activity
Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 15 May	English reading
Wednesday 16 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 17 May	Mathematics paper 3

Please contact me if you have any questions. You can either contact me via the school office or my email address is jwebb@stoneraise.cumbria.sch.uk

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