



Stoneraise School

Class Elm Newsletter

Autumn 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed some quality family time.

It's hard to believe we're on the countdown to Christmas already! It will be here before we know it!

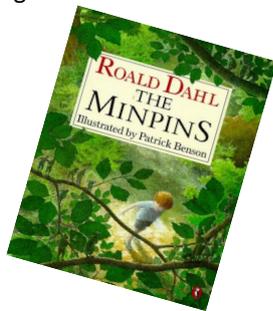
This half term our topic will be 'Authors' and our question will be:

What inspired Roald Dahl?

We will look at a range of authors whose stories the children enjoy reading however; our focus will be on Roald Dahl. As well as finding out all about him, we will be looking at some of his different pieces of work including poetry. We will then be having a go ourselves at writing our own short narratives and poems that are unique and imaginative.

English

Our text this half term is called 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. It is one of his lesser known pieces of work and the final book that he wrote for children. This compelling adventure offers great opportunities for drama and descriptive writing.



Maths

We'll begin the term by revisiting column addition and subtraction using the inverse to check our answers. We will also be practising telling the time to the nearest minute and converting between analogue and digital clocks. We'd appreciate if you could practice at home too.

In year 3 and 4 we have an increased focus on learning our times tables and we will continue to have a weekly times table test to aid and check on progression. Most children are doing brilliantly- well done!

Science

This half term our super science topic is called, 'We are astronauts'. It is an off curriculum topic that is

ensured to enthuse the children as they develop essential scientific working skills. They will begin by finding out about the Moon, how humans have visited it and then plan their own mission by designing a Moon lander, making space suits and eating space food.

Homework

Each week the children will be set challenges on Mathematics to consolidate learning in class, this should rarely take the children more than 20 minutes to complete. They will occasionally receive a spelling homework sheet to consolidate learning in class.

This year we are continuing with our whole-school reading programme called, '**Accelerated Reader**'. The children will be able to choose texts that have been banded according to their reading ability. Once they have read a text they can then complete an online quiz which will enable them to accumulate points and win prizes! **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 year 3/4, children have the option of completing a homework project which is linked to our topic each half term. Projects are a great way in which to encourage independent learning and research skills. Children who participate have the choice of how to present their learning it could be a Power-point, information leaflet, artwork etc.

PE

Our PE sessions this term will be on Monday (led by CUFC) and Friday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child is ready and equipped with shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls for indoor sessions and trainers for outside.

Dates for the diary

Class Elm assembly - 16/11/18

Cathedral Singing – 6/12/18

Christmas Dinner – 4/12/18

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see one of us.

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