



Stoneraise School

Class Willow Newsletter

Spring 1st Half Term

Dear parents,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas, spent lots of quality time with the family, and filled up on lots of Christmas treats.

We have a fantastic and exciting half term planned, with lots of creativity! This half term our Topic is "Artists".

English

The children have made great progress in our Read Write Inc. lessons. The groups have been working brilliantly to learn lots of new sounds, and with some children beginning to read words by listening to "Fred Talk" and blending the sounds together.

Reading

As I've mentioned before, please keep sharing stories with the children, whether this is the stories we put in the children's book bags, or any stories you have at home. Some children will also begin to bring reading books home linked to the Read Write Inc. scheme. The idea of these books is to share books that the children can already read, so it is more about the children showing you what they can do. This means that the children will have read the book at school, in their Read Write Inc. groups, three times before bringing them home to show off to you. Once the children have then read another book in school, they will then take this one home.

Maths

This half term, we will be recapping our numbers and our counting skills. We will then be moving onto working with higher numbers, and learning to count fluently to 100! The children made some great progress with using their number knowledge to add and subtract before Christmas, so, this half term we will continue to learn other ways of doing this, and beginning to solve these problems more independently. The children will also be doing some

work with Shape, Space and Measure, including: Pattern/Symmetry, 2D Shape and Time.

Topic/Art

Topic and Art will be very much linked this half term, as our Topic is "Artists". We will learn about different artists, including Van Gogh, Henri Matisse and Picasso. The children will learn who these famous artists were, what they were famous for, and the different techniques they used, and also, how their technique may have changed as they developed as an artist. This then means, that in our Art lessons, the children can use similar techniques to recreate their own versions of these famous artists artwork.

Science

Our focus in Science this half term will be talking about changes and why things occur. The children will be introduced to science experiments, using colours and colour mixing, to learn about why certain things occur. For example, the children will do an experiment that will create a "Walking Rainbow" to learn about colour changing and making our very own rainbow in the process!

P.E.

P.E. will be taught on Friday afternoons. Our theme in P.E. this half term will be gymnastics.

We are very much looking forward to this half term, developing our Maths and English skills, becoming more independent with our work, and most importantly getting creative with our very exciting Topic.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me through the school office, or organise a time to speak with me after school.

Mrs Clark, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Pattinson and Mrs Johnston