



Stoneraise School

Class Elm Newsletter Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

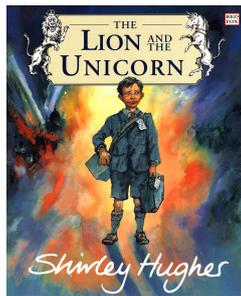
Welcome Back, I hope you've all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed some quality family time. We are all very much looking forward to the exciting and busy term ahead. This year we are very lucky to have Mrs Byrne and Mrs Lindsley working with us every morning. Our first topic of the year takes us back in time and has lots of opportunities for the children to ask questions and experience life as we ask the question

What was it like as a child growing up in World War 2?

English

Our class text this half term is called 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. This links in nicely with our Second World War topic. It's about a little boy who is evacuated from London to a big house in the country, but the only place he feels safe is in the secret walled garden. The children will have lots of opportunities to write letters and diaries

In role explaining how they would feel if they had been evacuated.



A class trip to Victoria Tunnels in Newcastle has been planned for 19th September to help inspire the children's learning. Details will follow next week.

Maths

We'll begin the term by looking at place value and 2D shape. Moving on we will learn to use written methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations with increasingly larger numbers and solve problems in the context of money and measures.

In year 3 and 4 we have an increased focus on learning our times tables and we will have a weekly times table test to aid and check on progression. We would really appreciate it if you could encourage and question your children on these.



Science

In science the children will be working scientifically on a variety of activities to learn about the wonders of light, reflection and shadows.



Computing

This half term the children will be learning how to use the internet effectively for researching. We will also be covering the importance of internet safety.

Homework

Each week the children will be set a challenge on mathematics to consolidate learning in class. A separate letter explaining more will go home about this along with details on how to access the work.

This year we are continuing with our whole-school reading programme called, 'Accelerated Reader'. The children will be able to choose texts from the school Library which 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.

We have also begun a new spelling programme called Read Write Inc. The children will be completing tasks throughout the week on specific spelling patterns. There will be a short task that they need to complete at home.

We'd be grateful for your support with all homework.

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.

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

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