



Stoneraise School

Class Elm Newsletter

Spring 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a fantastic Christmas holiday and enjoyed spending time with the family.

We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting things planned for the children.

Our topic this half term is all about:

What was Carlisle like in the Past?



This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to look at Carlisle and its surrounding area and how it has changed over the years. The children will look at the similarities and differences and how it has grown and developed. We will also look at the influence the Castle has on Carlisle and its prominence in the city, this will tie in with our school trip later on in the term to the castle.

English

Our English text this half term will be 'Katie and the Floods' a story based on the Carlisle floods that happened in December 2015. Whilst this is a fictional story, all the details are real. Alongside providing a range of writing opportunities the book will also allow children to appreciate the hardship faced by families and people in our community.

Maths

In mathematics we will begin the term revisiting place value and looking at position and direction before moving onto mental addition and subtraction and looking at fractions and decimals.

Please continue to encourage children to practise their timetables at home. It is making such a difference,

Science

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



Homework

Each week the children will be set challenges both on Mathematics and Spellodrome to consolidate learning in class. 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. Well done to those children who have completed a project so far this year.

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

PE

Our PE session this term will be on a Friday afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child is ready and equipped with shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls. This term Class Elm will only have one in school PE session as they are lucky to have swimming as part of their curriculum. A separate letter will be sent out covering details but, essentially, it will start on Monday 15th January and last, on a weekly basis, all term.

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

Wendy Pratt and Linzi Jones