



Stoneraise School

Class Beech Newsletter Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

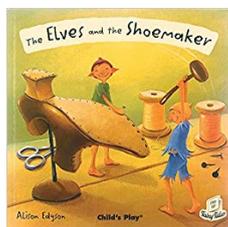
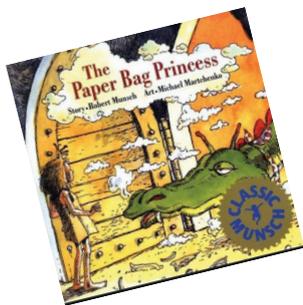
Welcome back! I hope you've all had a relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year! As always, our feet don't touch the ground as we dive head on into our first term. It will be busy as always, with a few changes along the way. Remember that you can always chat to myself or Mrs Carrick about any worries or concerns at the end of the school day.

English

We're trying something different this year called Read, Write Inc. Some of you may have heard about it before, or know friends whose children use this in their school. There will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks, if you'd like to attend, to explain the ins and outs of this new scheme. Briefly it's a scheme that moves away from Letters and Sounds, and on to more formal spelling, reading and writing. The children in the class will be taught by myself and Mrs Carrick using this new scheme. The meeting will explain things more clearly than in a newsletter so please come if you can. Follow this link for a quick overview.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/>

We'll still continue to teach writing skills using other books. And this term we'll be looking at *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Elves and the Shoemaker* and *The Paper Bag Princess*.



Reading

The new Year 1s will be following the books from Read, Write Inc and the Year 2s will be assessed for Accelerated Reading. Please write your comments in the reading journal so that we can see how your child is coping with their book.

Spelling.

Spelling sessions will take place every morning from 9-9.15 based on the Read Write Inc scheme. It might sound formal and daunting, but is fun and the children will enjoy meeting the little aliens in the videos we show them.

Maths

We're continuing to use Mathletics in school, and your child will be given a password and login details to complete ONE task a week at home. Mathletics is a firm favourite of the children, and is a great way of learning through playing games. In class we'll be looking at number and place value, measures, addition, subtraction, 2D and 3D shape. The Mathletics activities are linked to these topics, and support your child's learning.

Computing

The children will be working with Mrs Cooke, who will show them lots of new skills including touch typing. Mrs Cooke is a Computing specialist, so be prepared to learn a trick or two from your children over the next year!

PE

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit (including trainers). Carlisle United will teach on Mondays.

Music

Miss Marriot will teach music on Monday afternoons.



Science/Topic

We'll be looking at different materials, how and why they are used and where certain materials come from or how they are made. Children love to hear how oil is formed so be prepped for tales of squashed animals and plants. We'll be testing different materials to see if they're fit for purpose.

Art

As the Year 2s know, Art is something we love! We'll be using different materials to make shoes, clothes, collages and 3D structures. There'll be a lot of glue around this term!

GL Tests.

Finally, we'll be taking the GL tests in the first few days of term. This gives your child a score to show if they are working below, at or above the National Levels in Maths and English.

Phew! September always is full on, but remember that Mrs Carrick and I like to have fun while we teach. We like our class to be a happy, safe environment where everyone is valued and feels excited about coming to school! (Even the staff!)

Many thanks

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