



Stonerise School

Class Oak Newsletter Autumn 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are already in the run up to Christmas? Where did the time go? This half term will be a great chance for us as a class to crack on with some great teaching and learning about authors.

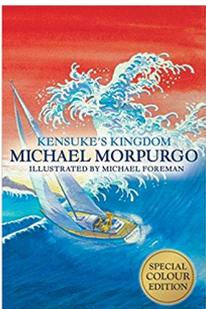
The question we will be exploring is:

How do you become an author?

The children have already done some superb writing this year and if you'd like to take a look, please pop in after school one night and take a look at your child's English book.

English

Our main text will be the fantastic tale of Kensuke's Kingdom, written by the award-winning Michael Morpurgo. If anyone is able to demonstrate how to be a successful author, Mr. Morpurgo is the man!



"Michael's parents buy a yacht, and take him off to sail round the world. Washed overboard in a fierce storm, Michael finds himself on the shore of a remote island - and soon discovers he's not alone. Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier, survived the war and the bombing of Hiroshima, but his family perished. As an extraordinary bond forms between the two, Kensuke faces a heart-breaking choice: can he give up the secluded life he's built for himself to help reunite Michael with his parents? Knowing the pain of losing his own family, Kensuke knows which way he has to decide..."

During this term, the children will also be given the opportunity to visit Caldew School to develop their writing skills with their English department. Watch this space for more details! Also, linking to our theme, M&M Productions will perform the classic Robin Hood which I know will enthuse the children.

Mathematics



During maths, we will be developing our

understanding of common factors, common multiples, prime and composite numbers. Once we have explored this, we can then turn our attention to thinking about fractions, decimals and percentages. Much of the National Curriculum now focusses on how the children can calculate and compare these, so this will take the majority of the half term to get our heads around.

Homework/Reading

As you know, the children are using the programme, 'Accelerated Reader'. They need to continue choose texts 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! I would like to encourage more children to read more regularly at home during this coming half term.



Continuing from last half term, I will set tasks for your child to complete during the week on Mathletics. We will award our Mathlete of the Week with a trophy and signatures in their Reward Passport - 18 signatures will be required for our children to take part in our end of year summer trip.

The homework project will be due on the final Tuesday of this half term. The theme will be authors so your child could write a biography about their favourite author, write their own story, create their own information book; the world is their oyster!

Our PE sessions will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoon. Please contact me if you have any questions. You can either contact me via the school office or my email address is jwebb@stonerise.cumbria.sch.uk

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