



Stoneraise School

Class Willow Newsletter

Summer 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you enjoyed your week off. The children have already shared lots of stories about their exciting adventures.

It's the last half term for the children in Class Willow and Nursery. Can you believe it! Where has the time gone?

It's an exciting one this half term, with lots of summer activities, including our trip to the aquarium, sports day, move up day and so much more. On top of this, the children will be beginning their new topic: Seaside.

English

All children have made great progress in English and Phonics through the Read Write Inc. scheme. The children really enjoy reading and writing every day and we are beginning to see this through the children's own writing. These lessons will continue every morning, and the children will continue to bring books home suitable for their own individual progress. Please continue to read these, and any other books you may have, with our children in any spare time you have. When you have read with them, please leave a little note in their reading record.

Maths

During Maths this half term, we will be revising lots of the mathematical problems the children have already learnt, but making sure they are secure with this and feel more confident in working out problems by themselves. We will also be delving into more complex mathematical problems ready for Year 1, including estimation, doubling and sharing.

Science

As our topic this half term is the Seaside, we thought this would be a great opportunity for the children to learn about the animals that live under the sea. We will be learning lots of sea life facts, doing lots of art work making our favourite animals and making our very own huge aquarium display in the classroom. With help from the Nursery, we will also be creating a new display outside the classroom about Rainbow Fish and all the characters within this book. This story all links nicely with friendship and kindness, so we will be discussing this too.

Topic

In Topic, the learning will be based on the beach, and what we might see, do or bring to the seaside. We will read lots of stories about the beach and listen to and watch videos of the seaside to help bring it to life. If you have any photos

of the children at the beach that you do not mind the children sharing with the rest of the class, then this would be fantastic! We can share them during any Topic lesson on Monday afternoons. We will also be looking at what the beach may have looked like many years ago. What the children would have worn or done at the beach back then, discussing what is different, or what has stayed the same? Again, if you have any photos of yourselves, or grandparents at the seaside to hand, that you don't mind the children sharing this would also be fantastic!

Computing

Computing is still being taught on Monday mornings with Mrs Cook. This half term the children will be continuing their work with coding, look more closely at repeating patterns, and creating patterns for their friends to complete.

P.E.

P.E. will still be taught on Friday afternoons. As long as the weather is nice, we should be outside for most of our lessons. However, it will be handy for the children to bring joggers just in case it is a slightly colder day. This half term, P.E. will continue to be focused around ball control, with the children then bringing these skills into team games, such as netball, basketball and football.

Extra Info

There are quite a few different things happening this half term within the school, both during school hours and after. Please keep an eye on our school website, calendar or twitter page for our entire goings on. Letters about certain events, relevant to your children will also be handed out closer to the time.

If there are ever any questions, queries, comments, please do not hesitate to ask. I am available most days after school, so you can just grab me, or you can make an appointment with me through the office.

We are looking forward to the term ahead, and hope the children are too. It will be over in a flash!

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