



Stoneraise School

Class Oak Newsletter Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the long summer break! I hope that you had a fantastic holiday and enjoyed some good family time. Welcome to new children to Class Oak. I'm really excited about the year ahead; it's going to be action-packed, fun-filled and super-duper busy.

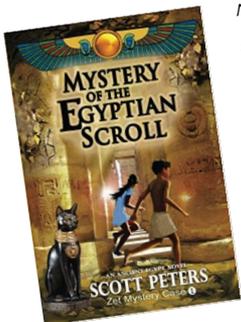
Our first topic of the year is about ancient civilisations. We're going to be thinking particularly about the...

Ancient Egyptians

English

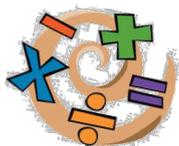
To link with our learning theme, our main text will be called 'Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll' by Scott Peters.

A mystery from the dusty ages, when a boy could be a hero and fight for the good of all... Zet and Kat are in charge, now that their father is off fighting the Hyksos. But sales are dead at their family market stall. It seems adults don't trust kids running the place. In desperate need of money, Zet has to do something! When he spots a thief running from the medjay and learns there's a reward for his capture, he and Kat are determined to win it. "



Maths

In maths we will be recapping on our place value knowledge, working with decimals and numbers up to one million and beyond. We will explore mental arithmetic methods for each of the operations (+ - X ÷). The main focus this term will be on formal and informal written methods for different calculations.



Science

In science we will be looking at how living things have changed over time, linking to adaptation. The children will

begin to identify how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environment in different ways.

Homework/Reading

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! They should aim to read at least 3 times per week at home, as well as reading daily in school.



In terms of **homework**, each week your child will be given a task to complete. I will endeavour to make sure that it's ready to go home each Monday to be completed by the following Friday. We are going to try to use more online activities with Mathletics and Spelloidrome being our main tools. I will set tasks for your child to complete during the week and we will be having a 'Mathlete of the Week' and 'Wordsmith of the Week' award for the children that collect the most points.

Finally, each child will be required to complete a **project** based on whatever topic we are working on. This will last for the **full half term**. They could create an information book, pamphlet, video, PowerPoint/Keynote presentation, art masterpiece, talk or anything you can think of to help them get into the topic and continue their learning at home. I am happy to put aside some time to work with children during break times if they are struggling for ideas. **The homework project will be due on the final Monday of each half term.**

This term we will also be voting for our new House Captains, Class, School Councillors and Eco Champions. Watch this space for further information!

It is going to be an action-packed half term and I am really looking forward to it!

Please contact me if you have any questions. You can either contact me via the school office or my email address is jwebb@stoneraise.cumbria.sch.uk

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