



Stoneraise School

Class Beech Newsletter

Spring First Half Term

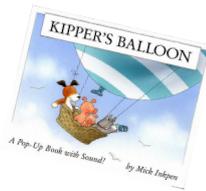
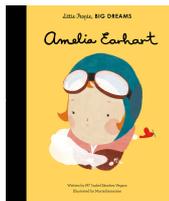
Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful break, and the last mince pie has been eaten! (We have 6 to go!) Before talking about what the half term ahead will bring, please let me thank you for all the hard work you put into the Christmas Nativity. The children were fantastic and we were so proud of their efforts! The people at Blackwell Vale were also impressed with their singing, so we are planning to visit again this term, this time we'll have a few Doris Day and Frank Sinatra songs up our sleeves.

English

Our books this term are all based around aviation and anything that can get off the ground!

We're looking at Amelia Earhart in *Little People, Big Dreams*, *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers and *Kipper's Balloon*. All these books tie in with Science and Topic as a starting point. In English, we'll be looking at non-fiction texts, labels, headings, alphabetic order and how to use a dictionary.



Reading

The children are asked to change their books every day if they need to. Y2 continue to access Accelerated Reading, while Y1 take home a book from Read Write Inc or a book from the classroom according to their ability. We ask the children to read their book three times to encourage fluency and understanding.

Spelling.

Spelling sessions will take place every morning from 9-9.15 based on the Read Write Inc scheme for Year 2s. Your child will bring home a log book and spelling jotter to help practise their words. Thank you for your

support. We're beginning to focus on joined up writing in Y2, so we'll use the weekly spellings as a focus. Y1 will practise letter formation using HFW as their focus.

Maths

Our focus will be fractions, measures, multiplication and money. We'll continue to learn different ways of adding, subtracting and dividing. Mathematics homework is sent home on Mondays. If your child does not give you their letter explaining what their focus is, you'll find the work set on their Mathematics page.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit (including trainers). Carlisle United will teach golf on Tuesday and focus on getting changed independently.

Topic

We'll be looking at the countries and continents of the world, seeing where Amelia Earhart flew on her journeys before going missing. We'll be looking at timelines to discover what was happening in the history of aviation, and discovering a little known British pilot, Sheila Scott.

Science.

We'll be looking at healthy eating and what a human needs to survive.

Art

Using collage and building materials we'll be making aeroplanes and kites, hot air balloons and making maps.

Assembly

Class Beech have their assembly on Friday 1st February.

School Trip

To be arranged.

As always, please don't hesitate to pop in if you need to speak to myself or Mrs Carrick.

Many thanks,

Lynn Nixon, Sue Carrick