



Stoneraise School

# Class Willow Newsletter

## Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

Dear parents,

Welcome back! Can you believe we are one half term in already?! Hope everyone has had a lovely break.

We started the year brilliantly! All of the children have settled in well, they have made good friends and are used to all the routines of life in Class Willow.

This half term will be very busy, but it will also be exciting, with lots of arts and crafts, alongside practicing for the Nativity! Our Topic is also very fitting for this time of year, as it is "Celebrations/Festivals".

### English

Our new Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme is going very well. The children have been put into their groups, and this will be up and running in full force straight away. The children are making some great progress; lots of children are recognising and writing all the sounds we have learnt so far, and some children are also beginning to read and spell simple words.

### Reading

Please keep sharing the story books with the children at home. We can only change reading books once a week. You can always share any of your own story books with the children and write those ones into your child's Reading Record books. It's very important that children have access to these story books, as it allows them to access some fantastic language and it helps them become aware of how a story is structured, so that when they have learnt the necessary phonic knowledge, they will be able to write brilliant stories of their own!

### Maths

The children have made great progress with their maths work. We have become very confident with our numbers to 10, with some starting to recognise and count to numbers up to 20. Now that we are confident with our counting, we will start to use this

knowledge to solve more number problems, including addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at other maths problems, such as: weight, capacity, time and patterns.

### Science/Topic

"Celebrations/Festivals" is a great topic for this time of the year, as there are lots of different celebrations happening all over the world. We will be looking at Christmas, Bonfire Night, and Remembrance Day, but also looking at celebrations that happen in different parts of the world, for example, Diwali. The children will be able to talk about how they celebrate these times of the year, and we will ask questions like why do we celebrate, do we all celebrate the same thing, and also what food do we eat during these times. The food that we eat will link in with our Science, where we will look at different types of food, and discuss the importance of eating a balanced and varied diet.

### Art

Most of our art this half term will be linked with our Topic lessons, where we will be making firework pictures, Diwali lanterns, poppies and lots of Christmas crafts.

### P.E.

P.E. will continue to be taught on Thursday and Friday afternoons. We will be carrying on from our theme from last half term of different ways of moving, but using these new skills to look at dance.

It is going to be a very busy and tiring half term, but it is always lots of fun! We are all excited to get started, and hope the children are too.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me through the school office, or organise a time to speak with me after school.

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