



Stoneraise School

Class Oak Newsletter Summer 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. It was great to have some family time; I hope you had a good holiday too.

We are now entering our final term of the year. I can't believe there are only two half-terms remaining before we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. Before that happens, there are lots of activities remaining.

Our topic this half term is:

What's great about Great Britain's geography?

I think this is going to be a superb topic as it will give us the opportunity to explore the beautiful area in which we live. We will be exploring the human and physical features of the geography around us. We can also spend some time thinking about how the locality will change in the coming years due to the new road and 10,000 houses that will be built around the Durdar area.



I have booked a trip into the Lake District with a mountain leader called Barry Grayburn. He organises walks for the

Lake District National Park and has agreed to conduct a guided walk on 23rd May 2019. He is going to take us to a place where we can see tarns, lakes, valleys, mountain ranges etc. so we can get an idea of the physical features of geography we have in our vicinity. More details will follow closer to the time.

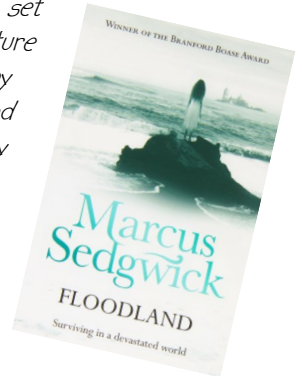
English

Our text this half term is called *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick. An outline of the story is as follows:

'Zoe ran. Harder than she had ever run in her life. Her feet pounded through the deserted streets of derelict buildings. Somewhere, not far behind, she could hear the gang coming after her. It felt as if her heart would burst but she didn't

slow down. She'd been planning to leave the island for a long time but had been putting it off. It was a big decision to set out to sea in a tiny rowing boat. Now she had no choice.

Floodland is an extraordinary novel, set some time in the not too distant future in a land that has been reclaimed by the sea. Zoe last saw her father and her sick mother as they sailed away on the last boat from Norwich, leaving her to face the future alone. She finds her way to Eel Island, a place where mobs rule in a bid for survival in a dark, dank graveyard of a world.



Floodland is a challenging novel for older readers who will be captivated by a vision of the future that is not so unbelievable.'

It's a great text which I know will hook the children in our class.

Maths

We will spend this half term recapping key mathematical concepts. I would really encourage your child to have a go at Mathematics on a regular basis. They should try to look at all aspects of the maths curriculum (fill in the gaps on their log).

Also, don't forget that the children will be sitting their national assessments from 13th – 16th May 2019. We will be preparing over the coming four weeks. If you have any questions at any point, please do not hesitate to contact me. The timetable for the tests is below:

Monday 13 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 14 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English reading
Wednesday 15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 16 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Thank you for your continued support. Please catch me on the playground at the end of the day or send an email with any questions you may have.

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