



Stoneraise School

Class Beech Newsletter

Summer 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. Where did the sunshine go at half term? Can you believe this is our last half term before the summer? Time really does fly. This half term is full on as usual, but action packed with fun as ever! We have our school trip to Rheged cinema on Tuesday, and our assembly on Friday 14th June. Watch these next seven weeks zoom past in a flash!

Topic

This term we're looking at Hills and Mountains, using Google Earth, using ordnance survey maps, and comparing hills and mountains around the world. We'll be looking at Kilimanjaro and be watching clips from Free Solo and Dawn Wall to see the landscape and what crazy rock and mountain climbers like to conquer! Obviously, we won't be climbing any sheer walls, but we hope to venture up a small hill or go climbing at Eden Rock.



English

Our books this term will be based around geography and we have two great books; Katie Morag Island Stories and Fly Eagle Fly.

These books will offer great opportunities to link our writing to our Topic work, and we'll continue to develop our vocabulary and writing skills.

Some Year 1s will continue with Read Write Inc, but will use these books in Topic.

Reading

Accelerated Reading continues for Year 2 while Year 1 continue reading their books from the book band they are working on.

Phonic Screening Test

This month the Year 1s will take their Phonics Screening Test, to see which sounds they recognise. It will be very low key as we avoid making the children

feel any pressure. The test is quite straightforward; a list of 40 real and fake words and takes roughly 5 -10 minutes with myself or Mrs Blair in a one to one situation.

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 spelling jotter to help practise their words. Each Friday, the Year 2s will continue with their spelling tests, using words they have learned that week, High Frequency Words (HFW) or a selection of words taught throughout the week.

Maths

We'll be consolidating what we know or need to work on ready for year 2 and 3. We'll be looking at one and 2 step word problems, and working out how to tackle them now we have the skills to add, subtract, partition etc.

Computing

Using Google Earth to find landmarks, using ipad and laptops to find information and making power points to show what we've discovered.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit (including trainers). Carlisle United will teach on Tuesdays.

French

We'll be learning names of fruit and singing a song about vegetable soup!

Art

We'll be making papier mache mountains and landscapes and looking at different techniques and media to improve our art. As a class, we're very skilled already, but we're going to improve even more! We'll be looking at local artists Derek Eland, Percy Kelly and Marcer Campbell .

School Trip

Look out for further information about Eden Rock in the next few weeks.

GL Tests

These take place over the next few days. These give your child a score, which indicates how much progress they have made throughout the year. Low Key, as always.

As always, please come and chat to Sue or myself if you have any worries or concerns.

Many thanks

Lynn Nixon, Sue Blair.