



Stoneraise School

Hazel Newsletter

Spring 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

We have reached the halfway point of the school year! We have had a fantastic year so far and I am sure the children will continue to make excellent progress this half term.

Our topic this half term is all about:

Who lived in Britain before the Romans?

The topic will have a History focus, linking with geography and art too. Through our learning

journey, we will be exploring Great Britain's past from the Stone Age right through to the Iron Age! We will be learning about cave art and its significance to ancient people; Skara Brae; how the use of bronze changed the way communities lived and how Stonehenge could have been built.

English

Our English text this half term will be *The Boy with the Bronze Axe* by Kathleen Fidler. The story is set in the ancient Stone Age village of Skara Brae on Orkney. Kali and Brockan are in trouble. They have been using their stone axes to chip limpets off the rocks, but they've gone too far out and find themselves trapped by the tides. Then, an unexpected rescuer appears, a strange boy in a strange boat, carrying a strangely sharp axe of a type they have never seen before. This story links nicely with our topic and we will be using it to support some of our writing units.



Mathematics

In maths we will continue to practise our calculation work. We will also be looking at area and volume, and both 2D and 3D shape. We will also be learning how to multiply fractions and look at statistics and measures towards the end of the term.

Science/Relationships Education

In this topic, the children will look at and describe the changes as humans develop to old age. As part of this we will have our Upper Key Stage 2 relationships classes. These will take place during the final week of the half term – more details will follow closer to the time. Do think about whether or not you would like your child to be involved in these classes as it is a parent's prerogative to withdraw their children from these classes if they so wish. We will not be discussing intercourse, but rather being part of a healthy relationship and we will discuss any changes their bodies will go through as they reach puberty.

Homework/Reading

Please continue to support your child in reading at home, Mathematics and spelling. They should aim to read 3 times a week at home, as well as reading daily in school.



Homework Project 4

Thank you so much for all of your efforts with last half term's projects based on Sculpture. Yet again, the children were able to present some fantastic pieces of work to the class, each piece was so different and the children loved talking about each other's projects.

This half term our projects will be based on the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children can let their imaginations run wild when deciding how to complete the project; they may decide to focus on one era or may encompass a larger time, it is their choice!

Our PE sessions will continue to be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoon.

Finally, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

Samantha Armstrong