



Stonerise School

# Class Hazel Newsletter

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

Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic first half term. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly and have really helped me settle in too!

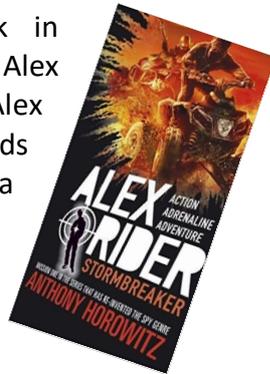
Our topic this half term is all about:

### How are authors inspired by their environment?

We will be studying British authors and how their lives and surroundings influenced them in creating famous works of literature. We will be particularly focusing on the authors Anthony Horowitz and Beatrix Potter and how their contrasting lives and surroundings influenced their work.

#### English

Our English text this half term will be 'Stormbreaker' the first book in Anthony Horowitz's best-selling Alex Rider series. Fourteen-year old Alex is recruited by MI6 but soon finds himself in mortal danger. This is a fantastic children's book and I am sure the children will love it! We will be linking this book with our topic and Anthony Horowitz's influences.



#### Mathematics

In maths we will continue looking at formal methods for multiplication and division. Following on from this, we will also be looking at fractions including equivalents. We'll then look at statistics and measures including time.

#### Science

In science we will be studying what a scientist is and the different ways in which they work. We will

also be describing the discoveries of some famous scientists and carrying out some forensic tests to solve a crime, which we will link to our class text. We will also be identifying and choosing good ways of letting others know about science in the news, which links with our topic.

#### 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 2

Thank you so much for all of your efforts with last half term's projects based on WWII. They were incredible and lots of time and effort had obviously gone into them. I was blown away by the variety of projects including family stories, a variety of models, presentations and factual posters.

With our theme being authors, possible projects this term could be based around the children's favourite authors, their favourite book or perhaps a look at significant authors in history.

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