



Stoneraise School

# Class Elm Newsletter

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

Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a lovely half term holiday, made the most of the sunshine and enjoyed yourselves. I cannot believe we are in our final half term.

Our new topic for this half term is going to be water! The question we will be looking at is...

### What would we do without water?

We will be looking at the importance of water and how it is used in our everyday lives. We will explore the water cycle and discuss how we use the same water over again. In geography we will research major rivers and oceans and also look at the lakes a little closer to home.

#### English

Our text this half term is called 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by Phillip Reeves and Sarah McIntyre.

***Oliver Crisp grew up in a family of explorers- but his biggest adventure is about to begin!***

We will use this text to explore the characters in the story. We will explore the characters by role play and we will also be writing in role. Towards the end of the half term we will go on to write our own narrative based on the story read from another characters point of view.

#### Maths

We will be recapping all of our topics this half term as we consolidate our learning. Lots of emphasis will be placed on reasoning tasks and solving problems. To link to our water topic we will be revisiting capacity. We have made a huge improvement with our times tables over the past few weeks. Let's continue to practise these and keep progressing!

#### Science

We will be looking at 'Living things and their habitats' this half term. The children will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use Keys to identify and name a variety of living things. We will look at how changes to habitats can pose dangers to living things.

#### Computing

This half term the children will take on the role as 'Meteorologists and weather presenters. We will look at different measurement techniques for weather, We will use computer-based data logging to automate the recording of weather data. Towards the end of the topic we will deliver a TV style weather forecast group presentation to our class.

#### Homework

This half term is the same as any other, the children will be set challenges both on Mathletics and Spellodrome to consolidate learning in class.

**In lower KS2 children are expected to read at least three times a week with an adult at home. Please comment in their reading records when you share a book with your child.**

We are aware that some children are rushing their reading books so they can complete a quiz. This is causing them to score low on their test, showing they are not understanding what they are reading. We have spoken to the children about this and have encouraged them to take their books home and read it at least once to an adult before changing it.

In addition to above there is the option of completing a homework project which is linked to our topic each half term. Projects are a great way in which to encourage independent learning and research skills. Children who participate have the choice of how to present their learning it could be a Power-point, information leaflet, artwork etc.

We are grateful for your support with all homework.

#### Summer performance.

As always Year 3/4 children will be involved in the production of 'Mystery at the Magpie Manor' we appreciate if they could be at all performances which we will be 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please pop in and see us.

Linzi Jones & Wendy Pratt