



Stoneraise School

Class Oak Newsletter Spring 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Please can I wish you all a very happy new year! I hope you had a brilliant Christmas holiday, enjoyed a good time with the family and didn't eat too many mince pies – I certainly did!

This half term our topic question is,

'What's that a sculpture of?'

It's a question I'm sure we've all asked when we've been to an art gallery or museum. During the learning journey we will explore the



design process for making and evaluating a sculpture. We will look at different sculptures from around the world from the Angel of the North to the Great Sphinx of Giza.



As part of our London residential, during the last week of this half term, we will be visiting the Tate Modern which will be a brilliant opportunity to explore some world-famous modern sculpture.



English

Our main text is called, 'The London Eye Mystery'. When Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye, he turned and waved before getting on. After half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off – but no Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air?



Since the police are having no luck finding him, Ted and Kat become sleuthing partners. Despite their prickly relationship,

they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin. And ultimately it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own very unique way, to find the key to the mystery.

This is an unputdownable spine-tingling thriller!

Our learning will explore different types of sentences (simple, compound and complex) and how we can engage our readers through use of different tenses, punctuation and tools to link paragraphs. When we are in London, we are going to try and solve the mystery for ourselves by following the clues in the text – it will be amazing!

Maths

Our mathematics work will concentrate on Geometry. Through the half term we will be looking at calculating the area, perimeter and volume of different shapes. We will move onto the properties of circles and will use protractors to measure them and pairs of compass to draw them. This will lead us onto thinking about angles and how we can find missing angles of shapes.



More information will follow about the London residential in the coming weeks (including a parents meeting).

Homework/Reading

As you know, the children are using the programme, 'Accelerated Reader'. They need to continue choose texts which have been banded according to their reading ability. Once they have read a text they can then complete an online quiz which will enable them to accumulate points and win prizes!



Continuing from last half term, I will set tasks for your child to complete during the week on Mathletics. We will award our Mathlete of the Week with a trophy and signatures in their Reward Passport.

The homework project will be due on the final Tuesday of this half term.

Kind regards,
James Webb