



Stoneraise School

Class Willow Newsletter

Summer 1st Half Term

Dear parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely two weeks off.

We have a great Topic planned for this Half Term, aimed at getting us ready for the (hopefully) warmer weather. Our Topic is 'Growing' and answering the question:

How do plants grow?

Easter Week

As the Easter holidays were a little different this year, we are celebrating Easter during our Half Term. So, to get the children even more excited about Easter, we are going to spend the first week learning all about Easter, and why we celebrate it. We will learn about the Easter Story in Topic/R.E., make Easter Nest Cakes in Science, create Easter Cards, make Easter Baskets, and go on a Easter egg hunt!

English

Read Write Inc. will still continue in the morning. The children are progressing really well, and many children are reading and writing everyday within this session. We are also beginning to use these skills in our Topic work, writing sentences about what we are learning.

Reading

Reading will also continue as normal. The children who are onto books in their Read Write Inc. lessons, will continue to bring a book home once we have read all three stories at school. Please continue to listen to your child read these books at home, or share any other books you may have at home.

Maths

The children have been making amazing progress in Maths, and are starting to solve problems more independently. This half term, we will be doing more Shape, Space and Measures with the children, along with recapping addition and subtraction. We will be looking at Directional Language (next to, underneath, etc.), Time and Money.

Topic

We are very excited to start our Growing Topic and look for signs of Spring and Summer. During this topic the children will learn what a plant needs to grow, where seeds come from and parts of a plant. This will include, observing real plants, watching videos and using our Read Write Inc. Knowledge to help us write about what we have learnt.

Science

Our Topic links on very well with Science, where the children will be able to observe plants and how they are growing. During our Science lessons we will grow our own plants, and observe how the plants are changing. We will also be doing more Science Experiments this half term, and the children will be carrying out an experiment to find out exactly what a plant needs to grow, and what would happen if a plant does not get what it needs.

Art

In Art, the children will be using their creative skills to make their own 3D flowers, gardens in the style of Monet and using different techniques to create very summer-like pictures.

P.E.

P.E. will be taught on Friday afternoons. Our theme in P.E. this half term will be games. The children will be using their ball control skills to begin to play simple team games.

Extra Information

Class Willow have their Assembly this half term on Friday 3rd May at 9:15. It would be great if you could come along and hear about all the exciting things that we've been learning about.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me through the school office, or organise a time to speak with me after school.

Mrs Clark, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Pattinson and Mrs Johnston