



Stoneraise School

Class Willow Newsletter

Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear parents,

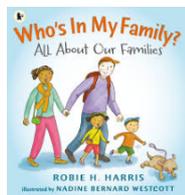
Welcome to Class Willow! I hope everyone has had a lovely Summer, we have had some good weather.

We're in for an exciting year and we look forward to getting to know you all. We want your child to have fun while they learn so we have some exciting activities planned to fit in with our topic this half term, which is: 'Ourselves and Our Family'.

English

We are trying something a little different in English this year. We are going to start using a new scheme called: Read Write Inc. Some of you may be familiar with this scheme, or know someone whose child is taught using it. We are hoping to put on a meeting in the next couple of weeks to explain Read Write Inc. in a little more detail. A letter about this meeting will be sent out.

We also want to encourage children to love reading, and to use their own creativity from reading story books, so we will still read books linked to our topic. Some books will include: "Marvelous Me", "Who's in my Family" and "Funnybones".



Reading

Instilling a love of reading is important, and to do this we like to read as a whole class every day. Children can also sit and choose a book from our Reading Area during Planning Time.

Staff also take some time during the week to listen to the children read independently. The children will read books from the new Read Write Inc. scheme.

Maths

In Class Willow, we spend the first half term understanding numbers and quantities. We use practical activities to do this, looking at: recognising numbers, counting, sorting, spotting missing numbers, and lots more. We will also look at some Shape,

Space and Measures aspects by looking at 2D shapes and height.

Science/Topic

'Ourselves and Our Family' is always a fantastic topic to start our first ever half term on. It will be a great opportunity for the children to share everything about themselves: what they like, what they don't like, what makes them happy, sad. We will learn lots about hygiene, our bodies, why we have bones, where we live, who lives in our house, and our feelings/emotions. Science and Topic will involve lots of discussions, experiments and arty projects.

Computing

We have a special treat this year, as computing will be taught by Mrs. Cook on Friday mornings. The children will learn lots, and I'm sure they can pass on some of this wonderful computing knowledge to you.

Art

In art we will be trying lots of different techniques, then using these techniques to create self-portraits, our bodies, and also to explore our feelings.

P.E.

P.E. will be taught on Thursday and Friday afternoon. This half term we will be mainly practicing getting changed into our P.E. kit independently. It would be a great help if parents could encourage this independence at home too. We will also be playing lots of practical games to experiment with different ways of moving.

We are all very excited to start this new school year, getting to know everyone and learning lots about numbers, sounds, writing and Ourselves and Our Families!

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.

Miss. Morton – now Mrs Clark, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Pattinson and Mrs Johnston