



Stoneraise School

# Class Elm Newsletter Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

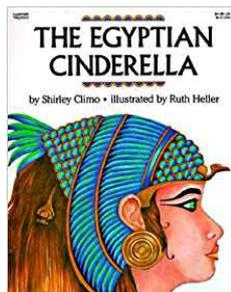
Dear Parents,

Welcome Back, I hope you've all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed some quality family time. Whilst I've really enjoyed my maternity leave; after almost a year off it's good to be back in Class Elm and I'm very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead working alongside Mrs Jones. Our first topic of the academic year takes us back in time and has lots of opportunities for learning across the curriculum as we ask:

## What was life like in Ancient Egypt?

### English

Our text this half term our book is an alternative version of the well-known children's story of Cinderella.



'The Egyptian Cinderella' will provide lots of opportunities for comparing and contrasting with the original, rewriting our own versions of the story and examining other cultures. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction texts connected to our topic and looking at how the information is organised before creating our own fact sheets.

### Maths

We'll begin the term by looking at place value and 2D shape. Moving on we will learn to use written methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations with increasingly larger numbers and solve problems in the context of money and measures. In year 3 and 4 we have an increased focus on learning our times tables and we will have a weekly times table test to aid and check on progression.

### Science

Our science topic is called 'How does your garden grow?' The children will work scientifically throughout the topic on a variety of quick challenges and longer

tasks to learn about plants. They'll learn about the different parts of plants, what plants need to live, water transportation in plants and pollination.

### Computing

This half term the children mix music with computing as they learn to produce digital music to enhance work in other media. We will also be covering e-safety and working collaboratively to produce power points or Key notes connected to our topic.

### Homework

Each week the children will be set challenges both on Mathematics and Spellodrome to consolidate learning in class. A separate letter explaining more will go home about this along with details on how to access the work. This year we are continuing with our whole-school reading programme called, '**Accelerated Reader**'. The children will be able to choose texts from the school Library 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! 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.

In year 3/4, children have 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'd be grateful for your support with all homework.



### PE

Our PE sessions this term will be on Monday (led by CUFC) and Friday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child is ready and equipped with shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls for indoor sessions and trainers for outside.

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see one of us.

Wendy Pratt and Linzi Jones