



Stoneraise School

Class Beech Newsletter

Autumn 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Hopefully you had a restful half term and caught your breath ready for our super busy half term ahead.

The Nativity play will be a major focus, so get ready to be practising lines and songs ready for Wednesday 12th December at 2pm and Thursday 13th December at 6pm. Tickets for 'Three Men and a Baby' will be available at the start of December. (Letters to follow later in the term) We'll be supporting Carlisle Food Bank, during what can be a hard time for many people, so donations of food will be welcome in lieu of a ticket price.

English

Our books this term will be all based around art and artists. These books will also link to science, topic and maths. Our class will be learning about Picasso, The Fauves, and solving a mystery about The Mona Cheesa! A firm favourite of Class Beech is Oliver Jeffers, so we'll also look at The Day the Crayons Quit!

We'll be covering instructions, newspaper reports and writing letters.

The Year 1 children will be continuing with Read, Write, Inc which is proving to be a great success.



Reading

The new Year 1s will be following the books from Read, Write Inc and the Year 2s will be reassessed for Accelerated Reading. Please write your comments in the reading journal so that we can see how your child is coping with their book.

Spelling.

Spelling sessions will take place every morning from 9-9.15 based on the Read Write Inc scheme for Year 2s. Your child will

bring home a log book and spelling jotter to help practise their words. Thank you for your support.

Maths

We're continuing to use Mathletics in school, and your child will be given a password and login details to complete two tasks a week at home. Mathletics is a firm favourite of the children, and is a great way of learning through playing games.

In class we'll be looking at money, multiplication, fractions, data handling and time. The Mathletics activities are linked to these topics, and support your child's learning.

Computing

The children will be working with Mrs Cooke on algorithms, making a bee bot move in a particular order and making changes when it goes wrong!

PE

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit (including trainers). Carlisle United will teach on Mondays.

Science/Topic

Following on from Materials, we'll be looking at how materials change in different conditions eg freezing, boiling. So we'll be doing lots of experiments and making lots of mess!

Art

We'll be being brave with colour, sculpture, ink, salt, collage! We'll be building on our skills and experimenting with new ones.

Assembly

Our class is having their first assembly on Friday 2nd November at 9.15am – 9.45am

School Trip

We're arranging a trip to look at the art in Tullie House.

(dates to be confirmed) There's a fantastic Percy Kelly and New Light Exhibition to inspire the children to become artists in their own right!

Many thanks

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