



Stoneraise School

Class Beech Newsletter

Spring 2nd Half Term

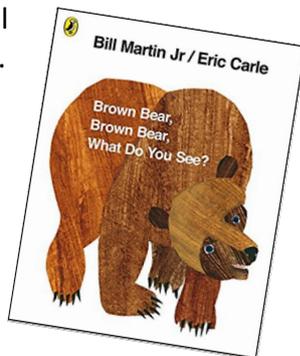
Dear Parents,

Welcome back, long may the sun shine! I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed your well-deserved rest.

English

As our topic is Animals, we are looking at animal-based stories. Brown Bear will be a way in of looking at suffixes, building on work we have covered in Read Write Inc.

Another brilliant book is *The Night Gardener*, about a topiary garden of animals that comes to life at night. We'll be using adverbs, speech marks and connectives to retell and reimagine the story.



Mathematics

During Maths we'll be covering measures in length, capacity and weight. We'll be looking at number fluency: being able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Year 3s will be using their 'Monster Fingers' to count in 3s. This term we will be beginning to build on skills we have learned earlier in the year, but working at a higher and pacier level.

Science

Our science topic is Animals, looking at the variety of animals and what their living conditions and dietary needs are.

Topic

Our Topic is Animals; a great subject to cover in History, Geography and Art. We'll be looking at which continents certain animals live on, what is happening to their environment and what we can do to protect them.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday/Tuesday to be completed for the following week. Spellings for the Read Write Inc spelling group will consist of a set of words from that week's list, plus a selection of HFW. The children have an informal test on a Friday and occasionally they are tested on words they have learned through the term.

Reading.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. We will change their books when we see a parental comment in the reading record book. This term we'll be working on fluency and pace.

RE

We're looking at Christianity and the life and death of Jesus.

Blackwell Vale.

On World Book day, a selection of children will be visiting Blackwell Vale to enjoy an afternoon of colouring and singing. Our last visit was fantastic, with the children and residents having a great time! It's lovely to see the residents and children interacting, and we are very much looking forward to our return visit!

Trip

Date and venue to be confirmed.

Any concerns, please pop in after school to see myself or Mrs Carrick.

Many thanks

Lynn Nixon, Sue Carrick.