



Class Willow Newsletter

Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Stoneraise School! I hope your child is looking forward to beginning their learning journey with us at Stoneraise, I am certainly looking forward to them joining Class Willow. The aim of learning in reception is to learn through play, where the children will be busy exploring and discovering with the support of the adults in the environment. The children will also take part in whole class learning sessions and guided group work sessions. We aim for children to become curious and independent learners. Over the first couple of weeks, we will spend lots of time with the children, exploring their environment with them and getting to know them.

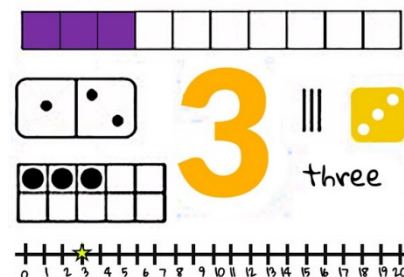
Topic

Our first topic is 'All about me and my body'. This will be a great topic for getting to know each of the children. Through this topic we will be learning through lots of exciting activities such as making/painting/drawing self-portraits, playing body bingo to learn the parts of the body, exploring how we use our senses in hands on tasks, exploring roles in the family in role play, as well as many more exciting activities. I have also arranged for a dental therapist to come in to visit us in Class Willow later in the half term, this will be a great opportunity for the children to learn a bit more about their teeth and how to look after them.



Maths

In maths we follow the 'White Rose Maths Hub' to ensure that there is progression throughout the school. Our first topic in maths is going to be 'Just like me!' where we will be looking at matching, sorting and comparing. Soon after this we will be moving onto 'It's me 1 2 3!' where we will be representing and comparing numbers 1-3, for example being able to instantly spot 3 dots on a dice, or 2 cookies on a plate. The aim is for children to be able to recognise the representation of these numbers without having to count the objects each time.



English

In English, we will be beginning to learn the sounds through the Read, Write Inc. phonics scheme. The scheme enables children to learn a new sound a day with their class, where then after, children will read and write in guided groups, using the sounds that they have learnt so far. More information will be to follow about the scheme a little later on in the half term once we get it started.

PE

Throughout your child's time in reception, their physical development is a big focus of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, and we will be aiming to promote your child's physical development daily through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The children will also have a designated PE session which will be led by Carlisle United Football Club, where a variety of sports will be taught by professional sports coaches. Class Willow's session is on a Wednesday afternoon. To ensure that the children have their PE kit for the session, we will keep their PE Kits stored in school, and they will be sent home every half term so that they can be washed.



Please can your child bring a water bottle to school with them every day. We will then send these home with the child at the end of the day so that they can be washed and refilled for the next day. If you do have any questions about your child's learning, then please email me on iwalton@stoneraise.cumbria.sch.uk.

Kind regards,
Miss Iola Walton