



Stoneraise School

Class Elm Newsletter Autumn 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

The first half term seemed to fly in and it is hard to believe we are on the run up to Christmas already. We really enjoyed learning about the Romans and it was superb to see so many children creating fantastic projects at home. This half term we have a geography focused topic as we embrace the question:

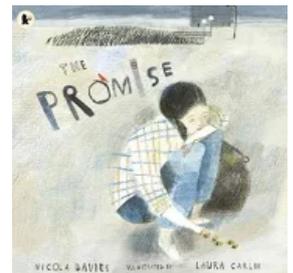
How do we compare to Italy and Brazil?



We will be learning all about the capital cities and looking at their locations within their respective countries. We will also be comparing the human and physical features of England, Italy and Brazil. We will be referring to our Stoneraise Sticky Knowledge sheets throughout the topic to help embed important vocabulary.

English

In our English lessons, we will look at a book by Nicola Davies called 'The Promise'. The story is set in an unnamed city and is inspired by the belief that a relationship with nature is essential to every human being, and that now, more than ever, we need to renew that relationship. *The Promise* takes us on a magical discovery that will touch the heart and imagination of every reader. With poignant simplicity, honesty and lyricism, Nicola Davies evokes a powerful vision of a world where people and nature live in harmony. Delicate illustrations by Lauren Carlin capture a young girl's journey from a harsh, urban reality to the beauty and vitality of a changed world. We will use the book to help write our own descriptions of the setting, concentrating on adventurous word choices, similes and using a variety of sentence openers. We will also be stepping into the characters shoes for some drama work and diary writing.



Mathematics

Our mathematics lessons will focus on the mental addition and subtraction of numbers before moving on to using the written column method. We will also continue to learn about the properties of 2D shapes with a focus on drawing them accurately as well as identifying and making models of 3D shapes. It has been super to see the children enthusiastic about learning their times tables. Please continue to support and encourage your child to practise using the flashcards at home.

Science

This half term is all about plants, which ties in well with our English text and our topic, when we look at one of Brazil's biggest physical features, the 'Amazon rainforest'. In this topic children work scientifically on a variety of quick challenges and longer tasks to learn about plants. They learn about the different parts of plants, what plants need to live, water transportation in plants and pollination.

Important dates for the diary

Class Elm assembly – 15th November

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Wendy Pratt and Linzi Jones