



Stoneraise School

Class Beech Newsletter

Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a fantastic summer! Hopefully the children are all fully rested and ready to start back to what will be an exciting half term in Class Beech!

Topic/Science

Our topic this half term is: **Marvellous Me!** During this half term we will be asking the questions: **What makes me, me?** And **Where do we live?** Our topic will focus on geography and our local area. We will use fieldwork and observational skills to explore what human and physical features are around us in Carlisle. This will also be our starting point to learning all about the UK and its countries, capital cities and surrounding seas. We hope to use this opportunity to go on our first school trip of the academic year (dates and more details to follow). Science will also link into this topic as we will be learning about our body parts and how important a healthy lifestyle is.

English/Reading/Spelling

Year 1s will continue with their Read Write Inc. sessions, which have proven to be a great success, as many children are already starting to use many writing skills. Year 2s will stay in the classroom with myself to further develop our writing skills. The English that will be covered this half term will be all about getting the Year 2s ready to write stories by focusing on simple writing skills. So, we will be focusing on capital letters, full stops, commas, and expanded noun phrases (a posh word, for adjectives).

Year 1s will continue to read books in the Read Write Inc. scheme. Please listen to your children read these books, or share other stories with your child. Any books you do read, please could you make a quick note in their reading record so that we know that the children are reading at home as well as at school. Year 2s will now start on the Accelerated Reader scheme, where the children read books that are at their level, determined by a quiz that the children will do at the start of every half term.

The Year 2s will also begin spelling sessions, every morning 9-9:15, which follows on from the Read Write Inc. scheme they did in Year 1. This focuses more on spelling rules.

Maths

All children in will now have access to Mathletics. Mathletics is an online learning resource, which supports the children with areas from the maths National Curriculum. Children will receive log in details, which will be placed inside their reading record. The children will access Mathletics in school, but extra tasks will also be set on Mathletics for your child to complete at home, these tasks will be linked to the maths we will be learning, and is a great way to further support your child's learning. In class, this half term, the children will be looking at Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

PE

PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday PE lessons will be organised by Carlisle United Football Club (CUFC), and Thursday PE lessons will be taught by me. Please make sure the children have the appropriate PE clothes – T-shirt, shorts, plimsoles, trainers and long trousers in case CUFC do a lesson outside.

Music

Miss Marriott is going to be teaching Class Beech music again this year. All children will also spend 30 minutes with Miss Marriott learning how to play the recorder (these are provided by school).

Key dates

Class Beech will be doing their first Class Assembly on Friday 18th October (last day of the half term). To keep up to date with all other key dates and any changes, please keep an eye on the school calendar (on our school website) and Twitter.

If you have any questions about the year ahead, please feel free to catch me for a chat after school, or you can arrange a meeting with me through the office. We are always here for a natter if you need it.

Mrs Carla Clark and Mrs Sue Blair