



Stoneraise School

Class Beech Newsletter Spring 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you've all had a peaceful Christmas and managed to recharge your batteries. Spring Term is already upon us, and as usual, it's going to be fun filled and busy!

Topic

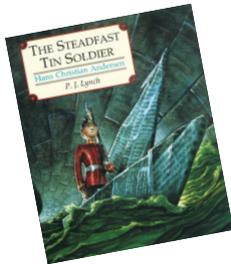
We're looking at Toys this term, where they came from originally, how they changed over time, and why toys are so important.

English

We're looking at Hans Christian Anderson's 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier' to begin with. It's a love story about a tin soldier and a ballerina, a giant fish and a rat filled sewer!

Our next book is 'I love You, Blue Kangaroo', about a missing kangaroo. Both stories are filled with excitement and will inspire some amazing writing, acting and discussion.

We're focusing on handwriting and spellings this term, concentrating on fluency in spelling High Frequency Words (HFW) and Tricky Words (words that are difficult to sound out and are best remembered as spelling patterns).



Reading

Thank you for the massive support you continue to give in reading. This really helps with your child's progress in school.

We'll continue to change your child's books regularly, and the class know that they can choose a new book whenever they are ready for a new one. Can you encourage your child to remember to choose a new book when they need one, this helps them become more independent in class.

Mrs Carrick and Mrs Lindsley will read with your child individually, once a week, and I will take Guided Reading groups.

Phonics

Phonic sessions are now taking place each afternoon with Mrs Carrick and myself, from 1.00pm - 1.30pm. Lexia work continues for Year 2, to login in please use your child's name and the password; school. Login cards are in the reading record books.

Maths

We'll be looking at ;

Measures- length, Geometry 2D and 3D, Multiplication, Division, Measures- Money and inverse methods to solve problems.

Mathletics homework will be sent home each week.

Computing

The children will be learning to control a beebot and programming Scratch to understand algorithms.

PE

PE will take place on Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit (including trainers). Carlisle United will be teaching the Monday session.

Music

Miss Marriot will teach recorders on Monday afternoons, they are really improving and gaining in confidence.



Science

We'll be looking at how things move. We'll be testing different vehicles on different ramps and gradients.

Art

We continue to use art within all areas of the curriculum, but this term we'll be making puppets and toys from a variety of techniques. We'll be using willow, card and sewing to make large scale models.

Mrs Johnston will be visiting us to teach sewing techniques.

School Trip.

Tullie House Toy Museum (date and time to be confirmed)

Any concerns or questions, please pop in after school.

Many thanks Lynn Nixon, Sue Carrick, Sharon Lindsley

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