

**In LITERACY this term we are learning to...**

- use the letter sounds and vowel digraphs we were introduced to in Primary 1 by practicing building words and writing sentences;
- spell using new sounds - we will be discovering magic e this term;
- improve our sentence writing skills remembering to use capital letters, full stops and correct sentence structure;
- read and use other types of punctuation (! ? ");
- make our work easily readable by practicing handwriting and presentation skills;
- develop our decoding and comprehension skills in reading;
- implement different strategies when working out how to spell a word;
- produce different types of writing for different purposes (eg. a poster, story book, leaflet).



**In NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS we are learning to...**

- count forwards and backwards to 100 in ones and twos;
- add and subtract numbers within 20 using a range of strategies;
- solve word problems linked to addition and subtraction;
- find the difference between two numbers by counting the steps from one number to the other;
- talk about 2D and 3D shapes focussing on their faces, corners and edges and relating this to the world around us;
- talk about different types of patterns related to shapes, colours and numbers (and relating this to letter sounds in English and Literacy);

The 'Stockbridge Counts' programme will give us daily opportunities to develop our mental agility with number.



**In HEALTH AND WELLBEING ...**

The main focus of these lessons will be learning the skills required for 'invasion games'. PE will take place on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday using our basic moves programme, which will be building on coordination and movement. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit each week with gym shoes on these days. PE kits should be stored in the classroom and taken home for a wash at the end of each term.

As part of the Building Resilience programme we will be learning about 'Challenging our Mindset'. In this unit we will learn...

- Who we are and what we are good at is not fixed
- The way we think, feel or learn shapes our brain
- I can change through the choices I make.



**Our INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING TOPIC this term is...**

Our topic this term is Pirates through which we will be working on reading to find information and writing different types of texts. This topic will link to other curricular areas, such as:

- Technology - building a model → this will be done using materials the children feel are appropriate and can be any size
- Expressive Art - creating various pictures/ drama related to pirates.
- Social studies - looking at maps and how they are used, making maps of our local environment. Recording the weather.

For this topic, the entire class has put together a list of questions and ideas that they would like to do throughout the term to work towards covering these topic goals.

**OTHER LEARNING AND WIDER SCHOOL LIFE...**

Mrs Martin, our Art Specialist, will be working with Primary 2 for the first five weeks of term, building upon our topic work.

In class we will continue to use art; drama and music within Topic related subjects as well as cross-curricular areas, such as using music within maths to support learning about patterns.

Primary 2 will continue to use the Smartboard and iPads daily to support literacy and numeracy. During Project work the children will learn how to gather facts and information from different sources using the Internet and will be using the Clicker 6 programme to create stories.

**OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS..**

As a probationary teacher Miss Leyland is required to have planned time out of class for professional development. In order to provide this time Mrs Flanagan will teach the class on a Tuesday.

As a school we have been working on updating our home learning policy. The new structure for home learning will be introduced to parents at the Curriculum Evening on Thursday 14th September, I look forward to meeting you then.

Miss Katherine Leyland and Miss Flanagan

