

In LITERACY this term we are learning ...

- In reading we will build on skills of whole word recognition and sounding out to further develop fluency when reading aloud. There will be a focus on reading with expression and children will extend their comprehension skills through discussion, questioning and independent written activities.
- In writing the children will write a variety of short texts linked to topic work - posters, labels and captions for Egyptian artefacts.
- They will be building on their Grammar skills. This will include writing in sentences and using the correct punctuation - capital letters and full stops, proper nouns and common nouns.
- They will continue to develop listening skills within the classroom.
- They will be introduced to our new whole school spelling programme and encouraged to edit their own work to improve spelling.
- They will practice handwriting and presentation skills.



In NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS we are learning to...

- Develop mental maths skills using strategies such as building on number bonds to 10, doubling and halving, counting forwards and counting backwards in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Develop use of addition and subtraction strategies with a link to money during financial focus week.
- Record and read information using a variety of tables, graphs and charts.

Our Stockbridge Counts focus is...

- counting forwards and backwards in 10's, 5's and 2's. Please do twice as much practise counting backwards as this is generally much harder for the pupils.



In HEALTH AND WELLBEING ...

- P.E. lessons will be taught on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Primary 3 will be developing basic movement skills as well as focusing on competition and cooperation before progressing onto team games. Please support us by providing your child with a gym bag to be kept in school with a pair of **gym shoes, gym shorts and a t-shirt**. This will be sent home regularly to be washed. It is really helpful if everything is named!

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...

The Ancient Egyptians.

This will allow us to travel back in time to the pharaohs, discovering more about life, architecture and culture. The project will be explored through a range of cross-curricular activities, including language, maths, art and music. We will be going on a trip, on Wednesday 30th August to the National Museum of Scotland, where we will attend a workshop entitled Life and Death in Ancient Egypt. This work will culminate in the children devising and creating their own exhibition to which you will be invited.

There will be a long-term home learning task linked to our Egyptian project which will be issued shortly.

OTHER LEARNING AND WIDER SCHOOL LIFE...

- We will be working hard to raise money for Mpeni Primary to help build 2 new classrooms. More information to follow.
- The class will have the opportunity to work with specialist teachers in Art, Music and ICT this term.
- On the 29th August we will have a whole school visit from M&M Productions who will perform Charlottes Web.
- We will be working on building our identity as a class and you will have received a copy of our CLASS CHARTER. Please ensure you read this with your child and return it to school as soon as possible.



OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS.

Pupils should bring their book bag containing their reading book to school daily. Please try and encourage your child to complete at least one task from the home learning wall each term. There will also be a longer piece of topic homework (further information to follow).

Pupils should bring a pencil case, with sharpened pencils, rubber, coloured pencils and a named glue stick (this would be really useful!) daily. Please check schoolbags for letters, permission slips etc.

Please remember to check your child's ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL regularly and make comments. We are really keen to hear about their wider achievements and you can record these on the Online Journal.

We look forward to meeting you at the Curriculum Evening on Thursday 14th September.

Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Mitchell