

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

- Use knowledge of VCOP- (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers & Punctuation) to improve our writing.
- Use spelling programmes and reflections of our own work to improve our spelling.
- Assess our own writing and edit work using knowledge of different texts and genres of writing. We will have a focus on persuasive writing.
- Practice handwriting and presentation skills.
- Read fiction books and using Blooms Taxonomy to explore the texts and lead group discussions.
- Use non-fiction texts to research our topics and create our own information texts.
- Read for information and use our own words to demonstrate our knowledge.
- Develop presentation skills and our ability to explain ideas in detail.
- Watch and listen to a variety of texts and extracting important information.



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

- Enhance our knowledge of place value and in particular, the importance of 0.
- Manipulate numbers with 5 or more digits.
- Use the 4 operations to solve problems in a creative way.
- Use place value to partition and order larger numbers.
- Use multiples of 10 and 100 to create new number facts eg.  $4+5=9$  so  $400+500=900$ .
- Divide and multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 100.
- Round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and using this to estimate answers to complex calculations.
- Develop our understanding of money and solving problems relating to money.

Our Stockbridge Counts focus is counting forwards and backwards in 7s, 8s, and 9s, as well as in multiples off the times table (e.g. count in 3's from 4).



**In HEALTH AND WELLBEING ...**

P.E. lessons will be taught on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The main focus of these lessons will be invasion games skills. Please ensure that you bring full PE kit each week for inside and outside.

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 the Science topic of My Senses: Light and Sound. The topic will be used to stimulate lots of exciting work in other curriculum areas. In maths your child will be information handling. In Health and Wellbeing, your child will be looking at the functions of specific body parts. In music, your child will be exploring different sounds and how they are created. In art we will be looking at different materials to create shadows and light rays.

By the end of the term your child will be able to:

- Explain how light and sound travel
- Explain how animals communicate and how sound vibrations can be carried by waves through air, water and solids
- Describe the properties of light in creative ways
- Explain the structure and function of sensory organs
- Create, capture and manipulate sounds to communicate their experiences in interesting ways



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

We will be working hard to raise money for Mpeni Primary to build 2 classrooms. More information to follow.

The class will have the opportunity to work with specialist teachers in French, Mandarin, ICT and Music this term.

In RME we will be discussing the importance and significance of "Membership".

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.



**OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS..**

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 on our new home learning policy will be given at our curriculum evening.

*Pupils should bring a pencil case, with a sharpened pencil and a rubber to class each day as well as a water bottle.*

*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.*

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

Miss Jones

P.S. Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Mitchell would like to thank all the parents for the generous and thoughtful gifts received at the end of Primary 4.