

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

- Reading for enjoyment by choosing texts within the class and school library.
- Building on Grammar skills which will include **using a dictionary, proofreading sentences, prepositions, adverbs, pronouns, use of an apostrophe and homophones.**
- Use spelling programme and reflections of their own work to improve their spelling.
- Continuing to work on handwriting skills and presentation using cursive writing.
- Continue to develop listening skills within the classroom.
- Writing creative stories about Animals
- Making notes about aspects of life in Italy to present to the class.
- Reading 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 display comprehension through discussion, questioning and independent written activities.



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

- Continuing to develop their mental maths skills and strategies using the SEAL approach.
- Enhancing their knowledge of number processes using whole numbers.
- Focussing on continuing to learn the times tables.
- Developing our understanding of the 4 operations used in maths and applying these to word problems.
- Developing our understanding of maths symbols for more than and less than
- Measure - weight, length, area, capacity and volume.



Our Stockbridge Counts focus is... adding and subtracting,

. add and subtract using count on or count back strategy

. use doubles and near doubles in addition

. add and subtract multiples of 10

. add and subtract splitting numbers into tens and ones

**In HEALTH AND WELLBEING ...**

- This term P.E lessons will be taught on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Primary 3 will be focussing on athletics and striking and fielding 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!

Our building resilience topic this term will be 'Get Active'. In this unit the main focus is on understanding that being physically active is not only good for your body but also for your mind.

There will also be a focus on friendship and cooperative working.

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

In Primary 3, our main topic focuses will be

My World - A Child's Life in Italy. They will be discovering more about Italian culture, food, geography and language. Pupils will explore the life of a child in Italy and compare it to aspects of their own lives. The project will be explored through a range of cross-curricular activities, including language, maths, technologies, art, music and drama. The Children will create simple weather recording instruments to allow them to compare the weather in Scotland and Italy. They will also prepare and taste Italian food.

There will be a long-term homework task for pupils to research an aspect of life in Italy that interests them. They will present their research to the rest of the class. More information about this will come home shortly.

### OTHER LEARNING AND WIDER SCHOOL LIFE...



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

**Technologies** - Primary 3 will continue to develop their I.C.T skills through the continuous use of the interactive Smart board in class. We will have opportunities to work with class I-pads in class which will facilitate learning. We will use search engines and apps to locate information as well as exploring different ways of recording and communicating learning. This term we will continue to focus on word processing skills and programming through use of Scratch.

**RME** - Our focus this term is Eid-ul-fitr.

### OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS.

Pupils should bring their book bag containing their reading book to school every day.

Please try and encourage your child to complete at least one task from the home learning wall each week.

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 and Parentmail 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.*

Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Mitchell