

**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 sentence structure.
- Read and use other types of punctuation (! ? ")
- Make our work easily readable by practicing handwriting and presentation skills.
- Further develop reading fluency and comprehension skills.
- implement different strategies when working out how to spell a word.
- produce 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, Thursday and Friday using our basic moves programme, which will be building on coordination and movement. Mr Davies will take Thursday sessions while Miss Leyland will run the other two. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit each week with gym shoes on these days.

As part of the Building Resilience programme we will be learning about 'Making a difference'. In this unit we will learn...

- Things humans do have an impact on the world
- Children can contribute to solving problems in the world
- Small things make a meaningful difference



**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 across 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 toward covering these topic goals.

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

We will continue to use art; drama and music within Topic related subjects.

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.**

I can see that many of the children have new school uniform for Primary 2, please remember to ensure it is all clearly named.

Some children have not yet returned the form which gives permission for them to go on outings. We will not be able to go on any trips until these are all back. If it has been lost then I am sure the lovely office staff will be able to give you a new one.

I am looking forward to another exciting year.

Miss Katherine Leyland