

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

- Develop our literacy techniques, including similes, metaphors and personification.
- Use spelling progression and reflections of our own work to improve our spelling.
- Explore different authors' and poets' techniques and apply these in our own written work.
- Use non-fiction texts to research our topic, take notes and create our own information texts.
- Read for information and use our own words to demonstrate our knowledge.
- Develop our inference skills through Guided Reading activities.
- Become more responsible to refer to Success Criteria to assess our own and others' writing.

Writing Focus

Analysing a variety of poetry genres and use poets' work to inspire our own writing.



Developing our formal scientific report writing techniques.

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

- Consolidate our understanding of factor pairs and times tables to establish which numbers are prime
- Apply BODMAS and our understanding of the order of operations when completing sums
- Identify different types of angles
- Calculate "missing" angles
- Use a protractor to accurately measure angles
- Describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes

Our Stockbridge Counts focus is practising numbers before/after. This will include numbers before/after in times tables and fractional numbers before/after one another.



**In HEALTH AND WELLBEING ...**

P.E. lessons will be taught on Monday and Thursday. The main focus of these lessons will be gymnastics, dance and invasion games. Please ensure that you bring full PE kit each week.

We will have a focus on Road Safety the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November.

As part of the Building Resilience programme we will be learning about 'Look on the Brightside'. In this unit we will learn...

- The way you think can affect the way you feel
- There are different ways of looking at the same thing
- Focusing on what you are grateful for can help.



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

Space and Science Champions! Our project will have a huge science focus, from conducting experiments to demonstrate different forces, to describing features of our solar system. We will be developing our numeracy skills by analysing, interpreting and drawing conclusions from a variety of data. Towards the end of the term, the pupils will be responsible for teaching a series of space themed linked lessons to the P2 class. Through this, we hope to achieve a "Gold" Science Champion status.



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

- identify and describe several features of our solar system (e.g. planets, etc).
- describe methods used by scientists to further our understanding of size, scale, time and relative motion within it.
- demonstrate how to measure and identify different forces by taking part in a variety of experiments.
- identify, describe and distinguish between various forces.
- make relevant notes using their own words or format and use these to prepare a suitable lesson for P2.
- organise information in an appropriate way and use appropriate, subject specific, vocabulary to suit the experiment and the age of the children being taught.
- describe the impact scientific discovery, creativity and invention in space has had on society, past and present.

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

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

In RME we will be learning about different moral dilemmas that people can face. We will discuss famous examples of people being faced with difficult situations and how they justified their actions and decisions.

In drama we are developing our ability to use a script to guide a performance. We using William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" as our focus.

P5/6 will be visiting the Cineworld cinema at Fountain Park to watch "A Beautiful Planet" on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather.



**OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS...**

Encourage your child to complete at least one task from the Home Learning Wall each week.

Pupils should bring a water bottle and pencil case, with a sharpened pencil and a rubber, into class each day.

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.

Well done for all your hard work so far this term P5/6 ☺

Mrs Govan

