

STOCKBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM 4 CLASS NEWSLETTER - PRIMARY 1/2

LITERACY

In Primary 1 we are learning to:

- write information texts linked to topic work, such as a report on a minibeast;
- discuss headings, contents and glossary and different layouts of non-fiction texts;
- introduce VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers & Punctuation) to begin to improve their writing;
- continue to write using snake slides and joining up tricky words, applying our cursive handwriting and presentation skills in all work;
- learn to recognise, read, write and sound out the vowel sounds **-ay**, **ea**, **-y**, **-ow**, **-ew**, **-oy**, **ow**, and **aw**;
- word build and blend applying knowledge of sounds;
- practise all of our tricky words from Block 1 and 2 so until we can read write them all.

In Primary 2 we are learning to:

- reread sentences we have written and identify what was good and how to improve them using VCOP;
- write information texts linked to topic work, such as a report on a minibeast.
- write creatively to create a narrative;
- continue to improve our presentation skills by neatly linking our handwriting and correcting our writing independently;
- apply our knowledge of short and long vowel sounds when reading and writing;
- add the suffixes **-ing** and **to** to words starting with CVCC words (e.g. tick > **ticking**) and CVVC words (**beam** > **beaming**);
- read and spell the block 7 tricky words correctly.

NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS

In Primary 1 we are learning to:

- Use the numbers before, after and between to indicate where numbers are on the number line;
- Add numbers to twenty or thirty;
- Understand the concept of subtraction;
- Work with simple fractions by sharing and grouping numbers;
- Explore doubles and doubles plus one, e.g. double six is twelve add one is thirteen;
- Use the language of position and turning to give directions;
- Investigate measure using length, weight and volume;
- Measure a range of objects using non-standards units.

In Primary 2 we are learning to:

- continue to strengthen our number knowledge with numbers to 100;
- use our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve word problems;
- talk about the strategies we use in our number work;
- measure and weigh items: being able to tell if something is heavier/lighter or longer/shorter than something else.

Stockbridge Counts

The 'Stockbridge Counts' programme will give us daily opportunities to develop our mental agility with number. This term we are working on addition and subtraction skills followed by multiplication and division for Primary 2.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This term P.E. will be taught every Monday, Tuesday & Friday. We will be finishing the basic moves programme that develops gross motor skills, balance and coordination.

Sports Day

The P1-3 sports day will be on **Friday 7th June** at Warriston Playing Field from 9.30am. All parent/carers are welcome to come along.

Building Resilience

Our Building Resilience focus this term is Have a Goal.

In this unit the main focus will be...

- Setting a realistic goal helps to motivate us;
- Learning to overcome setbacks helps us to cope with future ones;
- It is important to celebrate our successes.



INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING TOPIC

Our topics this term is... Minibeasts!

We have been exploring our school grounds in search for minibeasts. We are learning about habitats and have started planting outside our classroom to encourage minibeasts to live there. We will be learning about living and non-living things and developing our classification skills. We will also be completing a range of RSPB challenges. We will be learning about the lifecycle of a range of minibeasts. We will explore food chains and how they survive.

We are super excited to watch our pet caterpillars turn into butterflies in our classroom. We also have pet beetles that are going to hatch any day.

Students have been finding all sorts of interesting things related to our topic at home and are welcome to bring them into school to share with the class to promote further learning and discussion.



OTHER LEARNING AND WIDER SCHOOL LIFE

We will be using minibeasts as a theme to explore dance and movement elements such as direction, space, dynamics and time. It will also be a motivation for visual art this term too.

In French we are revising the days of the week learning the months of the year. Then we will be focusing on weather.



As always, videos will be used to enhance learning and teaching a range of curricular areas. Tools include YouTube, Cosmic Yoga, GoNoodle, TigTag, BBC and other material where appropriate.

P1/2 will present an assembly later in the term to showcase their learning.



OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS

Home Learning: Jotters should come in to school on Monday and go home on Tuesday.

Toys: Please do not allow your child to bring toys or items into school from home as they can become lost or damaged resulting in distress for your child.

Reading Books: Last term a few of our reading books were damaged. Please ensure they are transported to school in book bags and looked after when at home.

Lateness: We are aware that more children are coming in to school late. Please be prompt and **'be in line by 5 to 9!'** If your child is late (the classroom doors will be shut at 9am) please go to the office to collect a late slip before coming to the classroom.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your continued support and a special thank you too all parents who have given up their time to help in Ready, Steady, Learn and in class trips, it is very much appreciated!



Mrs Greaney