

<p>In LITERACY this term we are learning to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop our formal letter writing skills when writing to both fictional characters and real people. - Use our spelling progressions and reflections of our own work to improve our spelling. - Identify the atmosphere an author creates when reading a novel. - Quote evidence from a text to support an opinion. - Listen carefully to instructions and information when taking notes <p><u>Writing Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the skills to write an effective balanced argument, demonstrating our understanding of persuasive language when appropriate. • Learn how to create advertising posters and information leaflets about a variety of topics. 	<p>In NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS we are learning to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and simplify expressions using symbols and letters. • Talk about how likely something is to happen and can order events on a simple probability scale. • Interpret pie charts and line graphs. • Create line graphs. • Explore different time calculations people carry out to help them plan their lives using 12 and 24 hour clocks. • Estimate and measure the length, weight and capacity of objects. • Explored area and perimeter of 2D shapes and the volume and surface area of 3D shapes. <p>Our Stockbridge Counts focus is <u>addition and subtraction</u>. This will include addition/subtraction of fractions and decimals.</p> 	<p>In HEALTH AND WELLBEING ...</p> <p>P.E. lessons will be taught on Wednesday and Thursday. The main focus of these lessons will be athletics and striking and fielding games. Please ensure that you bring full PE kit each week.</p> <p>Skiing lessons will take place every Thursday with the last one being Thursday 6th June. P5 will continue to visit the Botanicus every third Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>In Health and Wellbeing we will be learning about Living and Growing. We will be discussing the changes boys and girls each go through during puberty.</p> <p>As we learn about substance misuse we will find out more about how alcohol (P6) and tobacco (P5) can affect our bodies and decision making. We will discuss the ways that we can make wise choices as we grow up.</p> <p>As part of the Building Resilience programme we will be learning about 'Have a Goal'. An information pack will be sent home for parents/carers.</p>
<p>Our INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING TOPIC this term is...</p> <p>The Rainforest</p> <p>During this topic we will learn about the flora and fauna of the rainforest and find out about ways that we can help conserve this environment.</p> <p>By the end of the term your child will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate the environmental impact of human activity and suggest ways in which we can live in a more environmentally-responsible way. - Compare the rainforest with wildlife in Scotland and investigate the main features of weather and climate, discussing the impact on living things. - Explain how the physical environment influences the ways in which people use land. <p>As part of this topic we will be attending rainforest workshops at the zoo and have the opportunity to see (and handle!) some of the animals there. More information to follow.</p>	<p>OTHER LEARNING AND WIDER SCHOOL LIFE...</p> <p>The class will have the opportunity to work with specialist teachers in French, Mandarin, P.E. and Music this term.</p> <p>In science this term our topic is: The Human Body</p> <p>By the end of the term your child will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss some body systems and potential problems which they may develop, • Understand ways to make informed decisions to help maintain health and wellbeing. • Contribute to investigations into the role of microorganisms in producing and breaking down some materials. <p>We will be dissecting a sheep's heart and liver as part of our scientific investigation.</p> <p>Upper School Sport's Day</p> <p>Upper School Sport's Day is on Friday 7th June. We welcome all parent supporters ☺</p> 	<p>OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS...</p> <p>Please encourage your child to complete <u>at least one</u> task from the Home Learning Wall each week. Homework jotters must be returned to school on a Monday so that work can be marked.</p> <p>Pupils should bring a waterbottle and pencil case, with a sharpened pencil and a rubber, into class each day. Please regularly check schoolbags for letters, permission slips etc.</p> <p>Thank you so much for all your support towards Shakespeare Rocks. We are delighted to announce that we have raised an extra £725.05 to help rebuild the school at Mpeni. What an amazing achievement!</p> <p>A few dates for your diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd May 2019: Games at the HUB • 25th May 2019: Summer Fair • 27th May 2019: Interscholastics Sports Event • 11th June 2019: Visit to Edinburgh Zoo • 17th June 2019: End of Year Assembly <p>I am delighted to have accepted the position of Acting Principal Teacher at Stockbridge Primary. Ms Turek will be teaching P5/6 on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Mrs Govan</p>

