



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year to you all. It has been great seeing the children return to school this week, full of Christmas holiday stories and eager to see both their teachers and classmates.

I hope that you have all had a good festive break and you and your families remain healthy and well.

I need to rectify an omission from my last newsletter, in that I forgot to mention that all Christmas crackers, lemonade and festive tablecloths for the children's Christmas lunch were provided for by our hard-working and wonderful PTA. An enormous thank you to Charlotte Kelley and her team of volunteers who has already made such a huge impact on the school through the purchasing of books, a book vending machine and reading snugs in KS1.

On that note, the PTA movie night is next Wednesday, 12th January, with spaces for up to 60 children, so make sure you book a place!

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

Eye Checks by Royal Eye Infirmary Team at Stuart Road – Reception Class only – Tuesday 11th January

Wednesday 12th January – Movie Night - Film is VIVO – Straight after school, pick up 5.30pm

Free Flu Vaccinations – NEW DATE Friday 14th January at Stuart Road Primary.

SENCO Coffee Morning – Wednesday 19th January, 9am -10am.

Jeremiah's Journey - Thursday 27th January - Bring a Bear to school/donate £1

Friday 28th January – Re-gifting mufti.

If you think you can help out please PM Charlotte Kelly.

Visit from Author 9th February 2022: Eamonn Reilly will deliver a whole school assembly during which he will give tips for writing stories, read extracts from his books and answer any questions.

Homework: The Thriving 3!

From Year 1 to Year 6, Stuart Road expectations of homework to be completed is:

*Reading - daily reading of either Read Write Inc book (RW10 for Key Stage 1, Accelerated Reader book (AR) for Key Stage 2

*Maths - TT Rockstars for KS2 and Numbots for KS1

*Topic - please read and share knowledge organisers at home and complete mini topic projects as directed by the class teacher during the term. This will appear on MS Teams and the webpage

SATs, Testing and assessments : KS2 SATs week is 9th May, KS1 testing (Y2) is last week in May before half term, Y1 and Y2 phonics testing w/c 6th June, Year 4 Multiplication check window is also 6th June until 24th June. Assessment week for all other year groups Y3, 4, 5 is 20th June 2022.

Reporting Covid Cases: Parents are asked to inform the school of a positive test result. Whilst the identity of the individual/s will remain confidential, the year group can be shared so that parents can take reasonable actions to avoid further spread of the virus and take steps towards protecting vulnerable family members.



The first PTA movie of the year will be next week on Wednesday 12th January! The children will be watching VIVO: 'a music loving kinkajou (an animal related to a raccoon!) goes on a journey of a lifetime to fulfil his destiny and deliver a love song for an old friend'. There is a maximum of 60 places available on a first come first serve basis, the cost is £4 to include a drink, sweets and a hotdog. Please book via School Money.

The children will go straight from class (at the end of the school day) to the hall. Please collect your child at 5.30pm at Gate 2.

Messages from Teachers

Reception

Welcome back to all our Reception children and their families. We hope you a restful and healthy festive break. The children have come back to school with enthusiasm! We have started our new learning around 'The 3 Little Pigs' and next week we start learning all about Winter. We hope you have a lovely weekend. 😊

Year 1

This week we have been exploring the work of Eric Carle. We began by finding out lots of information about him and in large groups write down our ideas on a large piece of sugar paper. We then wrote some sentence about him before creating our own poster with information about his life and work. We have also recapped our tens and ones in terms of place value using physical and written resources. Finally, we have looked at things that are special to us and linked this with what is special to Jewish people.

Year 2

The children have had a great start to the new year and have settled down quickly to their learning with enthusiasm and energy. We have started to look at some movers and shakers this week, with a focus on Emmeline Pankhurst, Neil Armstrong and Rosa Parks, all inspirational people that we can learn from as we start a new year. We have also made a fantastic start to learning our five times table so please practice with us at home until we are super-speedy!

Year 3

Welcome back! The children have settled back in well having enjoyed a lovely Christmas break. We have started a topic entitled Rocks, Relics and Rumbles and started to become geologists! We looked at different types of rocks, compared their appearance and properties and looked at how they were formed. We also started multiplication and division, and learning to count on in 8s for learning our 8 times table. The children all have a TT Rocks Stars account and can practice their times tables at home. Daily reading at home is also expected as part of the children's home learning. Don't forget that as of next week PE will be starting again on Fridays so please send your child into school already dressed in PE kit. Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Year 4

Welcome back to a fresh term and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you've all had a well-rested and exciting Christmas break. It was lovely seeing you all so animated on Wednesday, sharing stories and memories of the holidays with each other.

This week in Year 4, we started by reflecting upon last year and making our New Year resolutions. We were also introduced to our new topic - Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers. To get us started, we were given the task of creating a bridge out of just newspaper and tape! We then tested our designs by adding weight to them, then discussed why some structures worked better than others. We had great fun and at one point, couldn't even see the carpet due to the newspaper cuttings!

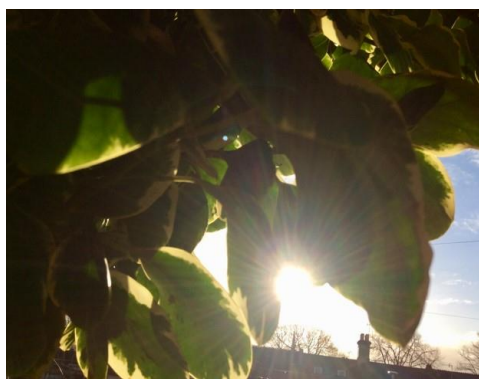
Year 5

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wow! What a way to start 2022 in Year 5! We have commenced our new topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm.'

The children have been exploring nature's art and we have been learning about the genre of land art. We have been working outdoors to take photographs and explore the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations. Land art, or Earth art, is art that is made within the landscape. Land art is usually captured using photography because it is temporary and often made on a large scale.

It has been an exciting way to start the term and we have certainly been inspired by the natural environment around us. Take a look at some of the photographs we have taken, we are certainly feeling proud of our photographic achievements. This is fabulous news, as there will be more photographic experiences throughout this topic!



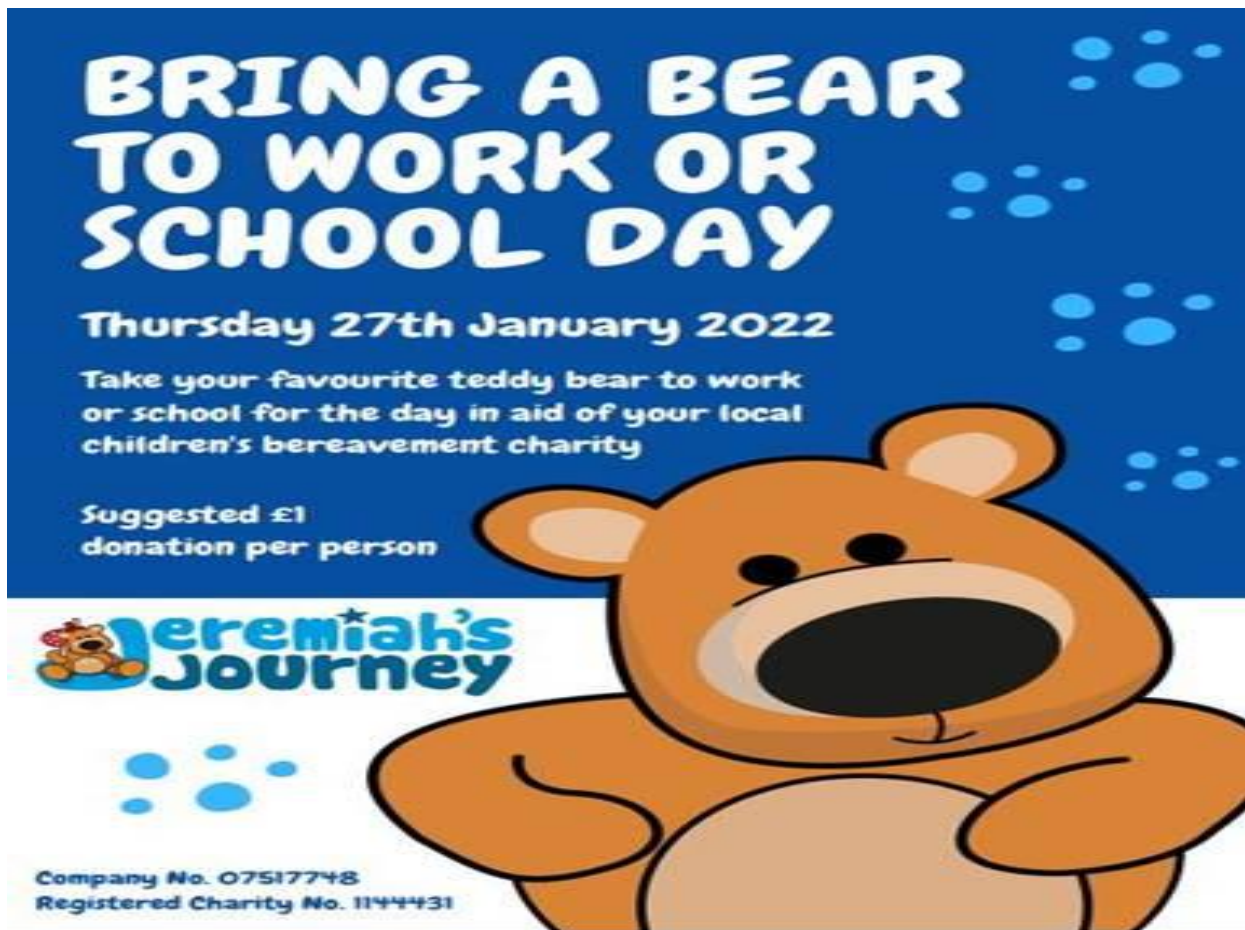
Year 6

It was lovely seeing all the children ready to learn this week.

Our knowledge rich project this term is titled 'A Child's War' and the children learned about the causes of the First World War and explored the reasons why so many men volunteered to go to war. They have explored a variety of primary and secondary sources to find out more about our topic.

Bring a Bear!

We will be hosting a bring a teddy bear to school day at Stuart Road Primary Academy on 27th January 2022, with a £1 donation towards the wonderful work that Jeremiah's Journey does.



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WRAP AROUND CARE

Breakfast Club:

7.45am to start of school day, £3.50.

Afterschool Club end of school day:

to 6.00pm, £9.00.

Bookings available via SchoolMoney