



# Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

What a treat it is to keep enjoying these sunny and mild October days. The kind weather has meant Year 1 could have their visit to Victoria Park as part of their science project on The Enchanted Woodland last week, to help pupils understand the term 'habitat' and see which minibeasts they could find.

Our whole school assembly this week focused on the NSPCC's PANTS campaign, a child-friendly approach to keeping themselves safe and knowing who to talk to if they were worried.

I was also very pleased to award several pen licences certificates and AR reading champions during assembly this week too - well done for working hard on your presentation and letter formation, and as always, keep reading, reading, reading!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Nicholls

Head of School

## Notices:

**PTA Events:** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY'S (subject to volunteers being available)

- Halloween Disco - Friday 22nd October: Year 1,2 and 3 (4.45pm – 5.45pm) / Year 4, 5 and 6 (6pm -7.15pm)
- Christmas Fair and cake mufti - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30 -5pm
- Christmas Disco – TBC
- Movie 🍿 nights TBC (if we can get enough volunteers, hopefully monthly on a Wednesday).

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

**Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5 children** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – see later in this newsletter for details.

**Clive Pig, Ancient Egypt expert visit Year 5** - Tuesday 19th October - see later in this newsletter for details.

## 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 (RWI0 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.

**Free Flu Vaccinations** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: see later in this newsletter for details.

**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.

## Halloween Disco!

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Year 1, 2 and 3: 4.30pm – 5.45pm**

**Year 4, 5, and 6: 6pm – 7.15pm**

**Cost: £4 (includes a drink, sweets, light up gift and photo. Please pay via schoolmoney, a link has been set up for the event.**



### PE Days:

Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Reception
Thursday	Year 1 and 5
Friday	Year 2 and 3



### **Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5!**

We have an exciting visit arranged to the school for our Year 4 children.

On Monday 1st November Explorer Dome will visit ! Explorer Dome is a portable planetarium with exciting, interactive science show. Inside the magical atmosphere of the Dome, the lively, hands-on shows are presented by professional & enthusiastic science presenters. The cost per child is £8.50. This workshop is an invaluable opportunity for the children to enhance their learning experience and to take part in new and fun activities. Payments can be made via SchoolMoney.

### **Oracy Challenge**

Here is a simple discussion activity that you can do together as a family. The aim is to get children sharing ideas with their families and developing their vocabulary and imagination.

**What is the greatest power a superhero can have?**

**If you were a superhero, what would your power be?**



Please make sure that the pupils wear the required PE uniform: white polo shirt/black shorts or jogging bottoms and red jumper. PE uniform to be worn on PE days only.

## **Free Flu Vaccinations**

Dear parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November) and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this.

**However**, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in this category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net). Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Age Immunisations Team  
Virgin Care Services Limited  
Tel: 0300 247 0082

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## **Messages from Teachers**

### **Reception TBC**

#### **Year 1**

This week in year 1 we have continued to develop our understanding of fact files and the different features within. We have also explored a variety of fact files about different woodland animals including owls and hedgehogs. We then used this knowledge to develop our own sentences about a chosen animal.

In maths we have started our addition and subtraction area. We have begun by looking at a whole part model and took this further by looking at the addition symbol before finishing with the tricky area of fact families.

Finally, during topic we have looked at the word habitat, what it means and the different types we have. As well as things we find difficult and how we can improve upon them. We finished the week by exploring ourselves and the things we belong to.

#### **Year 2**

Having done lots of research and watched some videos about castles, we are now writing our nonchronological reports focusing on how to lay them out. We're looking forward to sharing them with our parents next week. In maths, we have been looking at comparing number sentences and working out which is greater than, less than or maybe equal to. In topic, we have continued the theme of tunnels and learned about animal that tunnel. We then used the skills we have been practising in English to write a short nonchronological report on a tunnelling animal. In PE, we practised how to balance on one leg before trying out a couple of challenges using this skill. We learned that we have to have a strong body core to do this well.

## Year 3

### TBC

## Year 4

Our imaginations have gone wild this week in English as we've produced maps fit for our imagined dragons! We've looked at similes and metaphors and have been using these within our writing in both English and Reading Comprehension lessons. In Maths, we have been looking at rounding numbers to the nearest thousand. This has been tricky for some of us, so any help would be amazing, please. Why not help me remember this rhyme: "Zero to four, slide to the floor. Five to nine, climb the vine." In Science, we have looked at the digestive system and its functions. Mrs Moody explained that next week, we will be conducting an experiment that involves zip-lock bags, biscuits, water and tights!! Can you guess what we might be doing?

## Year 5

Again, it has been a busy week in Year 5. We particularly enjoyed our Pharaoh Topic Day where we learnt about how to prepare for a pharaoh's funeral and explained what happened to a pharaoh when they died. We also had the opportunity to explore Egyptian writing. We are really excited that we are meeting the Egyptologist on Tuesday! We cannot wait!

## Year 6

This week in year 6, the children have finished writing their own ID poems. We have begun a new unit of learning on autobiographies. We have explored the model text looking at the text structure and grammatical features. The children have started planning their own autobiography.

We have started a new unit in Maths- Calculations. The children will be exploring reasoning and problems solving involving calculations.

In geography, we looked at locating points on the map and draw a route by following instructions.

We also had a mini Olympics session during PE where we have explored different activities like: long jump, 400m run, throw of a bean bag and vortex. The children really enjoyed the recording of their scores and the time taken to complete an activity, and compare it with their peers.

Well done year 6 for your hard work this week.

### Parking outside the school

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is **strictly prohibited**.

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

We ask that parents do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. Thank you.

## **Awards**

### **Year 1**

Amazing Mathematician - Bella for her hard work in addition and subtraction

Writer of the week - Carson for his hard work and effort with his letter formation

Headteacher's Award - Spencer Prideaux for his determined and responsible attitude towards all of his learning

### **Year 2**

Headteacher's Award – Skyla-Mae Parsons for a fantastic start to year 2 and for settling into her new school so well.

Amazing Mathematician – Maiya Colwill for her impressive hard work in maths.

Writer of the week – Gabriel Charnley for his excellent understanding of grammar and punctuation.

### **Year 3**

**TBC**

### **Year 4**

Writer of the week: Charlie for writing fantastic similes within his reading lesson that relate to our topic!

Amazing Mathematician: Damian for taking ownership of his learning by showing a variety of ways to represent a 3-digit number.

Headteacher's Award: Finley for challenging himself during inputs to contribute more - your bravery is inspirational!

### **Year 5**

Writer of the week - Lena Stepa for great independence when editing and improving writing. Well done!

Amazing Mathematician - Carson Anstey for his application of knowledge and understanding when problem solving.

Headteacher's Award - Ezra Jevons for an amazing start at Stuart Road, with a great attitude towards learning!





















### **Year 6**

Amazing Mathematician - Mohamed Aliy for engaging in our maths sessions and persevering with negative numbers.

Writer of the week : Congratulations to Corey for taking ownership of his learning and being conscientious in our writing sessions. Well done for writing a beautiful wishing story.

Head teachers Award: Isobel for consistently working hard in all the sessions , showing perseverance and eagerness to improve.

**Stuart Road Primary Academy**  
**Cornerstones Curriculum Coverage**  
**2021-2022**

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Year 1</b>	 <b>Plants</b>	 <b>Animals Y1</b>	 <b>Seasons</b>	 <b>Taxi!/Rain and sunrays</b>	 <b>Chop, slice and Mash</b>	 <b>Street view</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	 <b>Portraits and Poses Animals Y2</b>	 <b>Magnificent Monks</b>	 <b>Still life, remarkable recipes, Let's explore the world</b>	 <b>Living things and their habitats Y2 Mix it</b>	 <b>Beach hut Flower head</b>	 <b>Everyday materials Plants Y2</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	 <b>Ammonite, Forces and magnets</b>	 <b>People and places</b>	 <b>Mosaic Masters Plants Y3</b>	 <b>Light Y3</b>		
<b>Year 4</b>	 <b>Vista, animal</b>	 <b>States of matter, living things/habitats Y4</b>	 <b>Tomb builders</b>	 <b>Electricity Y4</b>		

<b>Year 5</b>	 <b>Animals/humans Eat the seasons</b>	 <b>Line, light and shadows Nature's art</b>	 <b>Taotie, forces Earth and Space Moving mechanisms</b>	 <b>Tints, tones and shades Investigating our world</b>		
<b>Year 6</b>	 <b>Inuit Electricity Y6 Environmental artists</b>	 <b>Make do and mend Light Y6</b>	 <b>Evolution and inheritance</b>	 <b>Trailblazers, barrier breakers Animals/humans</b>	 <b>Tints, tones and shades Food for life Our changing world</b>	

## Reminders

- Please make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle as hydration is vital for concentration and focus for learning.
- Morning fruit break should be fruit or a healthy snack, please keep crisps and chocolate bars for lunchtime eating.
- Whilst Covid restrictions are being relaxed can we all still be mindful that cases are still high and continue to observe precautions such as washing hands, keeping rooms well ventilated and wearing a mask in busy, confined areas. If a child does test positive for Covid, please inform the school.

## STUART ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY 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

## Mufti/Foodbank – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you so much for all your food donations today! We will be taking the food to the back early next week.

THANK  
YOU!



# Plymouth Science

## Spooky Science Camp



Scan here  
to book  
your  
place

**Venue:** St Peters Primary School,  
Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD

**Days:** Mon 25<sup>th</sup>-Fri 29<sup>th</sup>

**Timings:** 9am-3pm

**Age:** 6-11 years

**£20 per day**  
(bring your own lunch)  
**£23 per day**  
(lunch provided)



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Ghosts



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Brains



Potions



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Ghosts



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## OCTOBER HALF TERM 2021

### @PLYMOUTH COLLEGE

### MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

This half term come and join us for an action packed week of sports, activity, art and fun. In celebration of **Halloween** we have a **Creepy Halloween** theme.

Weekly Themed Arts & Crafts; **HALLOWEEN**

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