



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It's hard to believe that we have had four full weeks of school already and I am amazed at the amount of learning that has taken place already.

Today, we had our Chair of Governors and two parent governors spend several hours in school visiting classrooms, talking to pupils and teachers. They have come away hugely impressed with the quality of teaching and learning and high level of engagement from all pupils throughout.

We had our final class social this week, finishing off a successful run with parents from our Reception class meeting each other for the first time. I hope that this event has helped cement strong ties with our new families and the school.

The children from Year 1 to Year 6 enjoyed a short gig performed by Tom Ward from Rock Steady, which has 'drummed up' further interest in pupils joining this musical provision. If your child would like to join, please read the letter that is coming home with them today.

Finally, the week ends with visitors of the furry and scaly kind with Animal Encounters provided a truly hands-on experience for our Year 3 and Year 4 learners as part of their Predator science project. Really bringing their learning this term to life!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Nicholls

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 – 6pm) / Year 4, 5 and 6 (6.15pm -7.30pm)
- Christmas Fair and cake mufti - Friday 26th November – 3.30 -5pm
- Christmas Disco – Friday 3rd December – 3.30pm – 7pm
- 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.

Ofsted Parent Survey – Please see later in this newsletter for details.

Mufti and Foodbank Donation: Mufti and Food Bank donation: Friday 15th October – See details in this newsletter.

Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5 children – Monday 1st 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 16th 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.



Rocksteady concert

Rocksteady came to give a fabulous concert at the whole school assembly on Wednesday this week. The children loved it! If your child is interested in participating in the Rock Steady sessions there are some forms coming home with them today.

PTA Autumn Fair

The PTA autumn fair was a great success! Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who made contributions to the cake stall and to the PTA and volunteers who put so much effort into making the fair such a wonderful event.





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 Activity

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.

Take it turns being the Speaker, Builder and Listener.



Speaker

I think...because...
This makes me think of...
I wonder if...

Builder

I agree with ... because...
I disagree with ...because ...
I want to add that...
Building on from ... I would like to add.
I see what you are saying, have you thought about...
What if...?



Listener

How do you know?
What makes you think...?
Why do you think that?
What if...?
Can you tell me more about...?
Can you explain ... to me?



PE Days:

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

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 16th 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. 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

e: VCL.immunisations@nhs.net **w:** www.virgincare.co.uk

Messages from Teachers

Reception



Another busy week in Reception! The children are getting really good at learning their sounds. We have started to read some simple words using Fred Talk. The children have been very interested in building using the large wooden blocks and this morning we built a drive-thru McDonalds! The children have also been using the playdough to make leaf prints. Next week we are going to make autumn lanterns so don't forget to bring in some autumn leaves!

Year 1

This week in year 1 we have begun a new writing topic – fact files. We began the week by exploring different fact files and developing our understanding of fiction and non-fiction. We also looked at various books in this regard and focused on similarities and differences between the two. The focus then switched to what we would be writing about – that being foxes. So, we explored a fact file about foxes and drew pictures and/or wrote sentences to help us remember the facts. We finished by creating our own independent sentences for our first attempt at a fact file with the children remembering and writing about some fantastic fox facts. In maths this week we have focused on a variety of different areas. We have been looking at ordering groups of objects, ordering numbers and the number line, with its many benefits to supporting our learning. Finally, we looked at ordinal numbers and developed our understanding in this area in a PE focused maths lesson.

The children have again worked incredibly hard this week and should all be extremely proud :D

Year 2

Year 2 started looking at nonchronological (challenge us to say this at home) reports this week. We drew our text map to help us remember key phrases, then we practised labelling different features of a report such as the heading, diagrams and information. We have started a new unit in maths and are learning about addition and subtraction in fact families. In topic, we looked at the work of Paul Klee and had a go at recreating his Castle and Sun picture using contrasting colours in shapes. We also explored different famous tunnels and located in them in the seven continents of the world. And we loved rehearsing and performing our poem "Now We Are Six" by A.A.Milne which you can see on the website under National Poetry Day 2021.

Year 3

We've had another eventful week. In English we have started a new unit about Non-Chronological Reports and looked at various features of this type of text. In Maths, we have been looking at the addition of one single digit numbers to three-digit numbers. Our Science work has looked at the diets of different types of animals and this ended with a fascinating visit from Chris from Animal Encounters where the children got to look more closely at a variety of reptiles, a royal python and some African stick insects.

Year 4

It was the start of a new unit in English this week! We have moved on from our diary writing and our new focus is upon non-chronological reports. We were lucky enough to look at NCRs about polar bears and wolves, and completed a cold write on an animal of our choice. (Mrs Moody was impressed with our vocabulary!) In Maths, we have continued our place value unit, this week looking at comparing numbers with 4 digits. We were confident with this, however, did get tricked when the numbers were very similar. In science we have been studying humans vs animals. We have studied the digestive system of a human and then compared it to cow. Ask me how much I've remembered.

Year 5

Thank you to Year 5 for another great week. We are continuing to enjoy our History topic on Egyptians. We have been making mummies in their own sarcophaguses, they look brilliant and very authentic! Our English for the next few weeks, takes us to looking at Newspaper Articles. We have been exploring different articles and developing an understanding of the different features of this type of text. We have also been trying to determine, what is fact and what is opinion, not an easy task! We are feeling really confident with our maths this week as we consolidate our knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction. Many of the children have showed some impressive problem- solving skills. We are getting more and more excited about our visit from an Egyptian expert, Clive Pig, who will be with us on Tuesday 19th October. Not long to wait now, just over a week!

Year 6

This week , in English the children completed writing their suspense story. To celebrate National Poetry Day, we have voted to perform `Please Mrs Butler` by Alan Ahlberg. Please check our website to see the children performing this funny poem. In French, we learned a variety of commands and we had a laugh playing the game `Simon said`. We continued our work in Science looking at ID, using our maths skills to measure our heights. We then calculated the mode, median and mean of the whole class. It has been great seeing so many children taking the AR quiz in school. This shows that the children are reading both in school and at home. As a whole class, we have read 238, 000 words . Well done year 6!

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 TBC

Year 2

Headteacher's Award – Aiko Bedner for bringing a responsible attitude to all her learning and being a role model.

Amazing Mathematician – Freddie Parsons for his incredibly hard work in place value.

Writer of the week – Nikolas Klimkova for his beautifully written ending to Rapunzel.

Year 3

Head Teacher's award- Oliver Day for working especially hard through English.

Amazing Mathematician- Marco Stepa for his work on addition.

Writer of the Week- Charlie Myers for improved handwriting

Year 4

Writer of the week: Elliott for his fantastic use of adverbs within his non-chronological report cold write.

Amazing Mathematician: Lucas for persevering with challenging questions and taking more ownership of his learning.

Headteacher's Award: Harry for being a brave learner and volunteering answers even when he isn't sure.

Year 5

Writer of the week; Ruby Whitton – For a super historical fiction story, well done for including all the features of the text. Amazing vocabulary!

Mathematician of the week: Nola Allison - for working hard and concentrating on improving presentation. Keep it up!

Headteacher's Award - Isla Hogarth – for listening to advice and acting on it in order to improve her work. Amazing!













Year 6

Amazing Mathematician – Amber for engaging in our maths sessions and persevering with rounding numbers.

Writer of the Week – Summer for taking ownership of her learning and always being eager to improve her writing.

Head Teachers Award – Mo for working hard during his reading group with Miss Dorsett.

Stuart Road Primary Academy
Cornerstones Curriculum Coverage
2021-2022

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

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

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 15th October

Items required:

- Tinned Meat / Fish
- Tinned Vegetables / Potatoes
- Tinned Tomatoes / Jars of Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding
- Pasta / Rice
- Tea Bags / Coffee / Hot Chocolate
- Long Life Juice Cartons / Squash
- UHT Milk
- Biscuits / Chocolate / Sweets
- Crisps / Crackers
- Toiletries



Plymouth Parents Childcare Survey

Plymouth City Council are consulting with parents/carers in the Plymouth area to evaluate a parents/carers childcare experience.

This survey is an opportunity for parents/carers to share their views about accessing childcare in Plymouth.

We would like to hear from parents/carers with children aged 0 – 14 years (18 with SEND) who access different types of childcare provision . We will use the findings of this survey to identify any barriers to childcare and work with both providers and parents to try and resolve these.

The survey is now open and will stay open until **18/10/21**

Please click on the following link to start the survey : https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/cyp/parents_childcare_survey

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