



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

A warm welcome back to all our families at Stuart Road after a wonderful, sunny Easter break. I do hope that you had time to enjoy the sunshine and have the chance to meet families and friends outside over the school break. It has been great to see the children return to school ready and eager to learn as we launch new, exciting topics. Please don't forget to take time to read the knowledge organisers sent to you via MS Teams as they contain important topic vocabulary, topic facts and ideas to make your child's learning experience richer.

Next week I will be introducing a new learning disposition 'Robot' during my weekly assembly which links to our new reward systems we are launching at Stuart Road. Class Dojos are being used in school this term, with the intention to open to families in Term 6. Lots of exciting times ahead.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Nicholls

Notices

- Just a reminder that there is *no* INSET day on 28th May 2021

Homework – Expectations for the Summer Term

Year 1: Daily reading and practise to recognise and read the sound of the week.

Year 2 to Year 6: weekly spellings set on a Monday and tested on a Friday. The completed tests will go home so that you can see how well your child has done and words that may need further practise.

Year 3 to Year 6: TT Rockstars

Years 1 and 2: Numbots

Don't forget to have a go at the numerous topic linked activities that are suggested on your knowledge organisers sent out to you via MS Teams at the start of this term.

Messages from Teachers

Foundation

Welcome back from the Easter break! The children have settled back quickly and have enjoyed Balanceability sessions where the children have learned to use Balance bikes- they have played a variety of games and used balance bikes themselves. Some have progressed brilliantly as a result. In an ideal situation the children would move onto to using bicycles without stabilisers, and the pedals taken off. We have also started a new story for this story which is Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will be looking at things that grow as part of their topic. The children have worked really hard on trying to write more and developing their resilience for writing. Well done everyone! Mr Chan



Year 1

This week year 1 have begun their new area of learning called 'Wiggle and Crawl'. They began the week by taking a trip down to Victoria Park, looking for some minibeasts. The children found worms, spiders and even a black beetle! We have also started producing some work on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', where we began by writing the story before drawing our very own story map. In maths we are looking at the terms equal and unequal, drawing images to show these as well as adding these numbers together to find the total amount. Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back and should all be incredibly proud of the work they have produced 😊

Mr Hulcoop-Searle

Year 2

This term, pupils in year 2 are entomologists.

This week, the children have grabbed their coats and pooters and went out and about on a minibeast hunt. They lifted up logs and stones, explored bushes, took a sneaky peek into holes and crevices and cleared away leaf litter to see who's home. The children collected specimens using pooters and spoons, then observed the creatures closely using hand lenses. Finally, the children used recording sheets and digital photography to record their experience. At the end, the children returned all minibeasts to their natural habitat. In maths, we have started Multiplication and Division and explored equal and unequal groups. We used Numbots to practise our fluency skills. In English, we have been reading the story 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird'. We have acted out the story and drew story maps. Ask us what the story is about. Well done for your first week back year 2!

Mrs Ioja



Year 3

What a great first week back after Easter and the sun shone through-out. This week we have focused our learning on Alfred the Great! The first King in England to be given the title of Great. Make sure you ask your children about him and see what they have retained! In Maths we have been working with equivalence, looking at mm, cm and m. PE for the next few weeks will be athletics which ties in nicely with the Tokyo Games. The children have all really settled back into class ready for our last term in Year 3!

Mr Bowles

Year 4

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Y4 (and everybody else) for making me feel so welcome on my return from maternity leave! You're all amazing! We have had a fantastic first week back, learning all about King Alfred the Great and the famous tale of him burning the cakes! We've been focusing upon our handwriting and presentation too during our writing sessions and have already made great improvements!

Mrs Moody

Year 5

Year 5 have started the summer term full of bounce and zeal! Our topic for this term is allotment and we have already spent time sharing our personal experiences as well as exploring allotments in Plymouth before designing our own allotment abundant with vegetables and flowers. In English, we are studying The Secret Garden and had great fun this week creating a story map to help rehearse the story out loud. Why not enjoy retelling the story at home to your family. We have revisited place value, ready to hone our decimals skills in maths as well as strengthen our arithmetic fluency skills.

Next week in RE, we will be discussing the sensitive and emotional topic of what different people believe happens after death. We shall be using the story Grandad's Island to support our learning and will be approaching the subject with the greatest sensitivity. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Mrs Hannon

Year 6

This week year 6 have settled back into school wonderfully. We have started our new Topic. We have started to learn about the Heart and Circulatory system. In English, we have been doing a lot of extended writing and everybody has done incredibly well with their learning. They have really shown what amazing writing they are capable. We have continued and finished our maths topic, which was perimeter, area and volume. A great week Year 6.

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.



You could think about:

- Why do some animals hibernate?
- What would it be like to sleep for months?
- What would you miss if you slept during winter?
- Why might it be a good idea to hibernate?

Share your ideas and remember, there is not right or wrong answer!

Reminders:

Parent and Carers dropping off and collecting children

- Whilst every effort has been made to minimise contact please may we remind parents to maintain the 2m social distancing regulation and wear masks when dropping off/picking up children. Thank you.

Information for parents

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should inform the school and organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

There is also an additional testing service for children in Plymouth schools: parents or carers can also book a test be emailing d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of:

- New continuous cough/and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline opening hours

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate to your nursery, school, or college's current situation.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

Message from the British Heart Foundation, Plymouth



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Call, email or pop in for a chat

20th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I manage your local British Heart Foundation (BHF) Furniture and Electrical store and I'm writing to let you know about our FREE COLLECTION SERVICE for unwanted but saleable furniture and electrical items. We solve your problem of disposing of unwanted items and you will be helping save lives.

You may be aware that the BHF is the nation's leading heart charity. For nearly 60 years we've pioneered Research in the fight against heart and circulatory disease. Last year our shops and stores raised over £31 million nationwide. But we're fighting the UK's single biggest killer and we need your help more than ever.

Perhaps you need to dispose of items you are unable to take with you when you move? Or maybe you need help getting rid of items a previous owner has left behind? We'd be glad to help you out by making a free collection at a time that suits you. We'll collect everything from toasters and Washing machines to sofas, dining tables and double beds. And we also offer a partial or whole house clearance services.

The items donated will be recycled and re-sold in our stores, generating much needed funds to provide care for people living with heart disease and help fund research that could lead to a cure.

So please don't hesitate to get in touch if you feel this service would be of benefit to you. Our details are at the top of this letter.

Yours Sincerely

**Dave Jordan
Store Manager**