



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter



Dear parents/carers,

Congratulations on surviving what has been a very challenging and unusual term. I understand and sympathise with how hard it has been for families to juggle home learning and working from home; a big well done to you all! I hope that you can take a well-deserved rest and enjoy quality family time over the half term break.

Like you, we await to hear from the Prime Minister, the plans for schools to fully reopen on the 8th March. As soon as we know any updates, we will communicate our plan to you all.

As a thank you for all the hard work that has taken place this term we are having a 'Fun Friday'. Children in school have been able to wear mufti and participate in fun 'challenges' set by the teachers for pupils either in Educare and for those learning remotely at home. Keep your eyes on Teams for your class invite and let us know how many you achieved. We hope to end the term with smiles on everyone's faces.

Take care and stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back very soon.

Britta Nicholls
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Stuart Road Primary Academy

Reading Books Packs:

We are currently putting together reading packs for children to use for Term 4. During the first week back after the half term break, can parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children collect their reading packs on Tuesday, 23rd February, Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 24th February and Year 5 and 6 on Thursday 25th February at 10am - 10.30am to sign out your reading packs. Foundation children can collect their pack on Friday 26th February at 10am. Happy reading!

In addition to the reading packs, parents can also access Oxford Owl, please see Notices and Information in this newsletter.

Messages from Teachers

Foundation

We have continued to look at the story of the Three Little Pigs. The children were doing really well to form their first written sentences and using their phonic knowledge to write them. We have also been looking at Chinese New Year celebrations, watching lion and dragon dances and creating our own Chinese lanterns. Happy New Year of the Ox everyone!



Year 1

This week the children have been writing descriptive sentences about the seasons. We have tried to focus our writing on describing nouns. The writing and sentences produced have been amazing!

In maths we have been looking at counting in 2's and 5's which can be tricky. However, the children have worked super hard and have improved massively with this. The children were also challenged to develop their own game for PE, practice their spellings with their sounds of the day and read/answer some incredibly challenging reading resources.

Another big well done for every child in year 1 and I hope you have a lovely half term 😊

Year 2

We have been learning about instructional writing this week. On Monday they had to follow instructions to make a healthy sandwich, which links into our PSHE topic on healthy living. The children in class enjoyed eating theirs for break and some of the parents at home said they enjoyed their lunch being made for them.



Year 6

This week Year 6 have been working really hard in their Maths. We have tackled some very tricky questions about decimals and percentages. All of the Year 6's have been incredibly resilient and have tackled the questions with a great attitude. In English we have continued to learn about keeping our heart healthy. The children have all written their own speech inspired by Joe Wicks. We have been working incredibly hard to ensure our work is interesting and inspiring people to work out through lockdown. I hope all of year 6 have an amazing break and I want to say thank you for all of your hard work and support this half term.

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.



If you were a bird and could fly anywhere in the world right now - *where* would you go and *why*?

Remember you need to explain your ideas clearly to your family. You can discuss it with them and you may even change your mind!

Notices and Information

Date for your diary: First day back after half term is Monday 22nd February.

Mrs Ward: We say a fond farewell to Mrs Ward who is leaving Stuart Road to pastures new. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new job.

The Oxford Owl eBook Library

The Oxford Owl eBook Library contains a wide selection of books from across Oxford's most popular series. The books are carefully levelled and progress in reading difficulty from those appropriate for Reception right through to those suitable for Year 6. The exact number of books and range of levels your child has access to will depend on the subscription that their school has bought.

How does my child access the eBook Library?

1. Go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk
2. Click on the 'Log in' link (top right) to open the login form.
3. Make sure the 'Students' tab is highlighted. Type in the username name and password (see below) and click 'Login'.

Current class logins

These are the details of your current class login(s):

Class 1:	Username: srpa1	Password: srpa1
Class 2:	Username: srpa2	Password: srpa2
Class 3:	Username: srpa3	Password: srpa3
Class 4:	Username: srpa4	Password: srpa4
Class 5:	Username: srpa5/6	Password: srpa5/6

4. Click on the tile for the Oxford Owl eBook Library.

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Your eBooks and Activities



Oxford Owl eBook Library
My eBooks



Read Write Inc. eBook Library
My eBooks

5. Click on the eBook to open it.



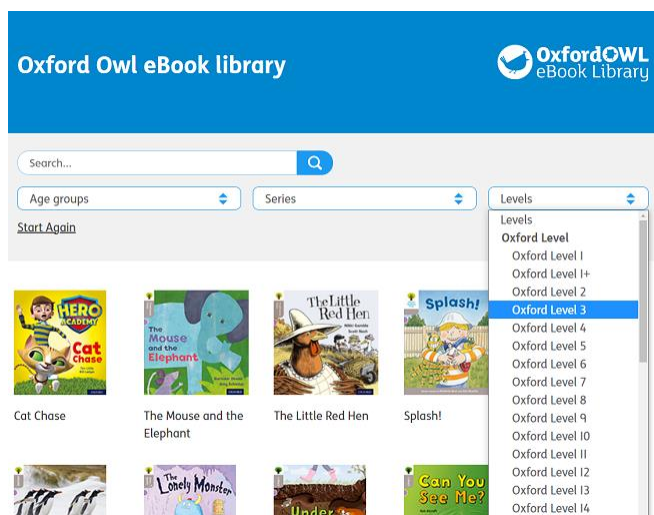
How do I know which book my child should read?

Your child's teacher will tell them which Oxford Level (or Book Band) they are working on. Your child can then read any of the books at that level.

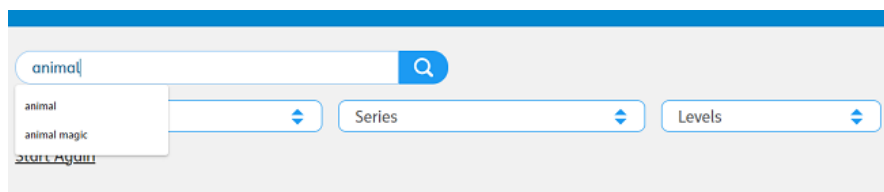
Alternatively, your child's teacher may specify an exact title.

How do I find the right book or level?

To find the right level, click on the Levels filter at the top of the library, choose Oxford Levels or Book Bands as appropriate. Choose your level and then the books will be filtered so that you only see books at that level.



To find the right title, type it into the Search box.



Did you know you can still contact a SCHOOL NURSE in lockdown with:



Text us for advice on ChatHealth:

ChatHealth offers confidential help and advice via text messaging for parents and carers of 0-19 years and for young people aged 11-19yrs.

ChatHealth is available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and automatic replies will be sent to messages received out of these hours. The ChatHealth service will be managed by Health Visitors and School Nurses who have received additional ChatHealth training.

The mobile numbers are:



Livewell ChatHealth 0-5 years Parents Service - 07480 635188

Livewell ChatHealth 5-19 years Parents Service - 07480 635189

Livewell ChatHealth 11-19 years Young Peoples Service - 07480 635198

Dropping off and collecting Children

Please continue to maintain the 2 metre social distancing guidelines and wear a mask where possible when dropping off/collecting your child at school.

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 by emailing [d-ccg.cornwalldexon.urgenttesting@nhs.net](mailto:dccg.cornwalldexon.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