



# Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

The children have worked really well this week and have shown amazing resilience in their learning. We have just one week left until half term and will be celebrating on Friday with a mufti day and a quiz!

**Date for your diary:** The last day of term (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February) will be a Mufti day and there will be a quiz! (details to follow)

## Messages from Teachers

### Foundation

We have been continuing with our winter topic this week by decorating pictures of our favourite winter clothing. As part of Children's Mental Health Week- the children enjoyed some fun activities including colouring in, playing games and dancing. The children have started writing sentences about the Big Bad Wolf from the Three Little Pigs story.



### Year 1

This week the children of Year 1 have been exploring seasons. The order, the changes that happen in the environment as well as the events that happen during these times. We have also been working on our tens and ones, as well as one more/less which can be very challenging. Finally, we have been learning our sounds of the day and begun to read and answer questions on increasingly difficult short stories. Well done to all of Year 1 for your responsible and determined attitude towards your learning 😊

### Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been learning all about tally charts and pictograms. The children at home and in Educare have shown amazing resilience while learning these new skills. In English we have been creating new characters and settings for our original versions of Goldilocks and the three bears.

During children's mental health week we have been taking part in PE activities and making music. Well done to all of Year 2 for all of your hard work this week

### Year 3

Another week down and another fantastic week of learning by all in Year 3. We have finished off our science unit looking at magnets and it was amazing to see so many able to complete the experiment at home. The scientific writing to go along with it has been brilliant. We have started our new Maths unit on charts and graphs which has proved to be a huge success with all children really engaging in their work. Alongside our normal learning this week we have had some brilliant optional extras to focus on Children's Mental Health Week and it has been great to see all the music and art that they have been producing. Some of the children in Educare have produced some beautiful poetry about what happiness is to them too.

### Year 4

Year 4- This week year 4 have started a new literacy unit focusing on the journey of a little Alien. They have produced some beautiful writing and used some amazing language to describe his journey. I am blown away with the quality of writing from year 4! Music has been very popular this week in year 4 when we have been talking about our mental health. There have been lots of amazing videos and photos shared of people creating music. Another amazing week year 4! Well done!

### Year 5

As our work on erupting volcanoes came to an explosive finish, so our equally eruptive introduction to Revolting Recipes started! This will be our new mini mission which will take us up until the half term break. We have been immersing ourselves in the wonderful world of Roald Dahl, identifying recipe features as well as exploring how to generate 'Dahl-type' language! In maths, we are learning all about fractions, exploring them in practical ways. Take a look at a selection of our work which we are extremely proud of!



## Year 6

This week in year 6 we have started our new topic. It started with a launch on Monday morning which included an early morning workout! All the children joined in and it was an opportunity to get up and get moving. We have been looking at how we can keep our hearts healthy and the children have produced some amazing leaflets. This has coincided with children's mental health week. We have all enjoyed doing some of the activities. The Art activities were particularly popular in Year 6.

Year 6 have continued to work amazingly hard this week! Keep it up everyone! Well done!

### 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 Decide*

*Which invention or discovery has been the most important for humankind and why: wheel, telephone, computer or fire? Does everyone agree? Can you challenge someone to change their mind and agree with you?*

## Notices

### 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.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net](mailto: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