



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

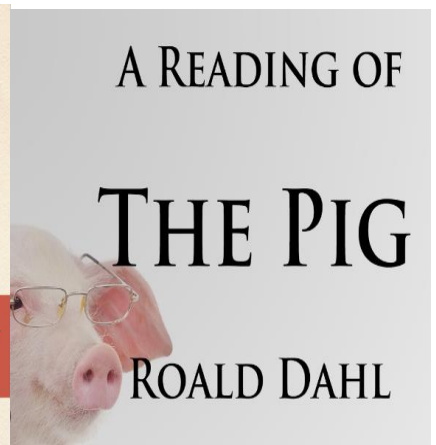
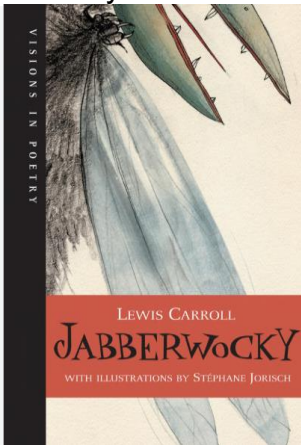
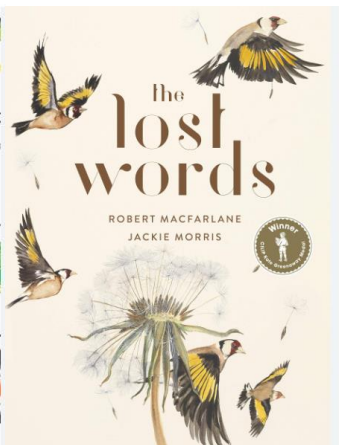
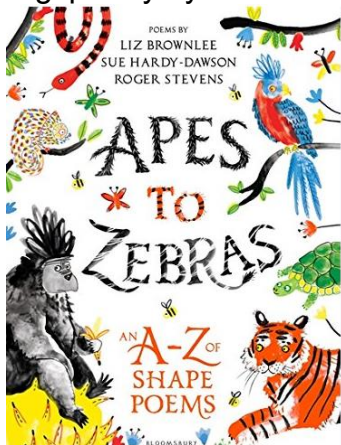
FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope the children had a great day celebrating World book day yesterday. There were some fantastic favourite book character costumes and some detailed, fun learning of poetry taking place across the whole school. Key stage 1 and Foundation children took part in learning based around the poetry book 'Apes to Zebras', Year 3 and 6 focused on 'The Lost Words' poetry, Year 4 studied 'The Pig' poetry by Roald Dahl and Year 5 'The Jabberwocky'.



We are sad to say that we will be losing Jenny Bahar (Teaching Assistant) in the middle of March. Jenny will be taking on a new career path in becoming a Care Co-ordinator for the Primary Care Network. We wish her every success in her new role and will miss her expertise across the school after 16 years at Stockham School.

Dates for your diary

Week beginning 13th March – Parents/carers/Teacher meetings (Please sign up to a time slot on your child's classroom door).

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day – School council will send out more information soon!

Friday 31st March – End of term at 12pm.

Monday 17th April – Children return to school for term 5

Sharing Assemblies – We invite parents to join us to see what your child has been learning about:

Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm for Term 4

Wednesday 15th March – Year 6

Wednesday 29th March – Foundation

Other year group assemblies will take place in term 5.

Extra Bank holiday - There will be an extra bank holiday on **Monday 8th May 2023** due to the King's Coronation.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Wellbeing

We would like to support parents and children with wellbeing and mental health. We will therefore regularly add some wellbeing information to our newsletter as supporting material. This week I would like to share where you can find advice on how you can support children's mental health.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>
<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-health-development/promoting-mental-health-wellbeing>
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been continuing to look at our theme of growing – making careful observations of our cress seeds as they grow, and linking back to our knowledge of what things plants need in order to grow when we had a near disaster with watering over the weekend! We have made fabulous collages following Eric Carle's techniques with our painted papers and have been exploring rock and roll dancing in our PE lesson - this was great fun and highly energetic! We were very excited by the chance to dress up for World Book Day, made a snail shape poem, and had lots of book themed activities using some of the books you can get for free with your World Book Day token.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been continuing to look at writing instructions and also following them. We followed instructions on how to draw the pigeon from the story 'Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!' In maths we have been subtracting numbers using a number line and in geography we have been looking at the different continents in preparation to learn about the oceans.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have been learning all about money in maths. In English we have been using prepositions and descriptive language about things in nature. In geography we have been learning vocabulary about what you may find on a farm.
- Year 3** In geography this week we have looked at the water cycle and have learnt that it is a repetitive cycle. We also learnt some new vocabulary such as condensation, transpiration, evaporation and precipitation. In English we have written instructions how to mummify a piece of fruit. We have learnt to use headings and sub-headings.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been getting to grips with biographies this week, exploring the achievements of those who have had an impact on our world. We have been broadening our knowledge of key words during science lessons about sound, ready for our class trip to Winchester Science Centre next week. As a class we joined the school in celebrating World Book Day. Together we dived into a funny Roald Dahl poem exploring rhyming patterns and creating an alternative ending.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week finishing off our unit on fractions. In English we have been looking at the book 'Gorilla' and using it to write a narrative. We have also been looking at the combustion and the fire triangle in science and learning about the Anglo Saxons in history. We had a great world book day. We looked at the poem the Jabberwocky and drew pictures to visualise the different parts of the poem.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been very excited to write back to our pen-pals from Canada this week. The children have been able to answer the questions about life in England and then ask further questions to find out more about their pen-pals and life in Canada. We have also deepened our understanding of our book 'The Lost Words' and have thought about how the missing words could be described when they come back into our vocabulary. In maths we have begun to investigate decimals, including representing, rounding and adding and subtracting them. Linked to our English work we have painted careful watercolour studies of the birds we wrote our poems about last week and have created a wonderful class collection of our published poems. We were also given a very special job of writing an acrostic poem to show Mrs Page how special she is to us all and how much we will miss her now she has retired.

Soaring High

This week the following children have earned "Soaring High":

- Year F** Harley for showing great independence in Art this week, after listening carefully to the instructions you followed the technique without any help and made a fabulous flower collage. Well done!
Jago for his careful observations of the cress seeds growing each day. You have loved checking on them, looked carefully at the changes, and have drawn diagrams of your observations with written captions to match. It has been wonderful seeing you enjoy being a scientist so much.
- Year 1** Louise for using your independence skills with your writing this week, all of the adults are very proud of you for working so hard.
Bobby for trying really hard in all lessons this week, the adults in the classroom have really noticed your perseverance when taking on challenges with your learning. Well done both of you!
- Year 2** All of Year 2 for an amazing class assembly. You all worked so hard to create and remember your own lines and were very confident - even changing parts at the last minute. It was lovely to see you show off all your fantastic learning.
- Year 3** Celine – for being independent in her learning.
Leo – for persevering in his writing.
- Year 4** Kian for a brilliant first week at Stockham. You have become a wonderful member of the Year 4 team. Already you are contributing your ideas and thoughts with the class. Welcome Kian!
Eliza for her confident use of the classroom Zones of Regulation display. Her willingness to share has helped her grow her positive mind-set when inside the classroom and in the playground.
- Year 5** Sasha for some fantastic reading! You have made so much progress! Well done.
Kathy for using her determination in maths to solve some tricky maths problems. Well done Kathy!
- Year 6** Violet for some wonderfully thoughtful contributions to your group's verse about Mrs Page. You used all we had learnt last week to paint such a lovely image of Mrs Page with the words you chose and it was really touching to hear you read it aloud so confidently as well. You also did a beautiful illustration of a penguin to accompany your free verse poem. Well done, Violet.
Kaci for wonderful effort with your pen-pal letter. You got on with this task really well, answering all the questions your pen-pal had asked you and replying with some great details about yourself too. You presented it really well too. You also did a beautiful illustration of the bird you wrote your poem about. Well done, Kaci.
What a great week!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 for having the tidiest room. Well done!

Second-hand uniform

Good quality, second-hand uniform is available from Friends of Stockham with all money raised coming directly to school. For information on availability of items, please see this Facebook group or email friendsofstockham@gmail.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Stockham-School-Second-hand-uniform-sale-103641978169121>

School Uniform

If you need new uniform please order online or by telephone. The website is pmgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from [pmgschoolwear](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).