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This week's year group news...

Reception Jack Frost continues to influence our learning experiences in Reception as we enter the new week. We will be creating Winter landscapes with pastels and finger painting using the illustrations in the book, 'Here comes Jack Frost' as an influence. We will be applying our scissor skills to cut and create wonderful snowflakes and we will be creating a word bank of adjectives to describe them. Science and sensory experiences will involve investigation of ice, with the children touching and observing changes. Enhanced tasks will build on our exploration of symmetry with the children being tasked with the challenge of filling in one half of their face when presented with a photographic image of the other half. Our join of the week is the 'L- Brace' which will see the children using fine motor and measure to use sellotape effectively. Have a super Winter weekend.

Year 1 We have had another busy week on Dinosaur Planet in Year 1 this week. This week we have been investigating a replicating different size dinosaurs. We could not believe how big some were! Did you know the Diplodocus could grow up to 26m long?! We have also been looking at classifying animals into mammals, reptiles, fish and birds. Next week we will be looking to the extinction. In Maths we have continued with our addition and subtraction, using our problem solving skills to think of mathematical stories to explain a question. Over the next week we will be working on our knowledge of shapes. In Writing we have been retelling the story of Where the Wild Things Are. We have uploaded a video of our super story telling onto our Teams page for you to look at. This has resulted in some fabulous story writing this week. Next week we are hoping to adapt the story to make it our own. Thank you to all who came to see us for parents meetings. It was lovely to speak to you all face to face. If anyone didn't manage to make an appointment, please see your class teacher next week to arrange a time if you would like. Have a lovely weekend! We look forward to seeing some more of your home learning Topic activities on Teams next week.

Year 2 It has been lovely to see so many parents this week as part of our parents' evenings and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look at your child's books. Year 2 have had a busy week with lots of exciting learning linked to our Magnificent Monarchs topic. We thoroughly enjoyed exploring paintings of Kings and Queens then using the computers to turn a photo of ourselves into monarch. Next week, we will be focussing on William the Conqueror and his life as King of England. We will be completing our Katie in London writing block by writing our own version of the story changing key aspects such as the main characters and the statue which comes to life. In our Maths lessons, we will be focussing on adding and subtracting 10 from a range of two-digit numbers. Thank you to all parents for your support with reading at home we are enjoying seeing children work their way up our reading rainbow- don't forget to pass your completed bookmarks into your teacher to receive the next bookmark.



More year group news...

Year 3 Next week Year 3 have another very busy week ahead. In Writing, they will be planning their own character for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They will then write a description of the character, edit and finally publish their writing. In Maths, children will be work on subtracting using the column method. In our topic learning, children will be exploring different food groups and looking at the information contained on food labels and packaging. They will then design a healthy packed lunch box. In Reading, we will be working on comprehension skills in particular 'retrieving' information from a text.

Year 4 It was fantastic to see so many of you in person this week during parent consultations. Being able to share your children's work is so valuable when celebrating their progress and successes! If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. Next week, Year 4 are moving into the 'invent' stage of their story writing block. Having immersed their learning around a chapter of Philip Pulman's 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', they will challenge themselves in creating their very own version. This exciting block will conclude with a chapter where we will also ask them to show off their talents in using direct speech and fronted adverbials too. They are all becoming creative and technically more accurate authors! In mathematics, the children will complete their block in addition and subtraction by discussing the advanced skills of estimating, checking, and selecting methods that are most efficient. This will emphasise the talents they have developed over the past two weeks and will boost their confidence knowing that they have mastered such a vital number skill. In topic, we are going to brave the elements and take the children on a local walk to look at...bricks! Having had a fantastic visit from a guest speaker from Plymouth University's Geology Department last week, we will use that knowledge we gained to discuss the stone that has been used in our local environment. The children will take photographs during this local survey and consider erosion and weathering as well as attempting to name the rock types recorded. Another busy week ahead...

Year 5 The fun has continued in Year 5 this week as we have used a variety of fruits to create a virtual solar system on the field. The children who held the planets had to take a certain number of steps from the Sun in order to reflect their actual distance from the Sun in space. We have also learnt about why we have day and night in addition to researching information about the influential scientist Galileo Galilei. Our English lessons have involved learning how to 'show' how a character is feeling rather than 'telling'. The children utilised their inner acting skills as they pretended to feel happy, sad, fearful and angry. We were really impressed by the quality of their practice sentences and look forward to seeing the children apply this technique when they write their own science fiction stories next week. In Reading, we have finished The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers and enjoyed identifying the similarities and differences between this text and How to Catch a Star. We have also recorded some podcast style book reviews, which will be available to view on our website soon. In Maths, we have continued with our Multiplication and Division block where we have learnt about prime numbers, composite numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. Can your child tell you the definition of these mathematical terms with examples? Please continue to support your child to learn their weekly spellings and complete their My Maths homework.

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have delved deeper into their new topic – The Frozen Kingdom. In their reading lessons, they followed the story of a polar bear – and the friends he encountered - on a journey far from home. They wrote with empathy and showed a good understanding of the effect that climate change can have on the habitat of animals all over the world. Continuing the polar-based activities, Year 6 also had a busy week of writing, concluding the creation of their non-chronological reports. Year 6 started their maths block focusing on fractions and have successfully simplified fractions and placed them on a number line. Next week, they will be focusing on adding and subtracting fractions! In geography, they compared the polar regions and the children are thoroughly enjoying learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. Overall, it has been a fantastic week full of incredible learning opportunities and Year 6 can't wait to see what the next week brings!



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This week's highlights & reminders:

Parent Support Advisor - Jo Penk

Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on ideas, support and activities for families. Your children can also use the [Worry Box](#) link if they have a worry that they would like some help with. By clicking on the link, Mrs Penk can talk to your child about their worry and together they can work out how to make that worry shrink when we return in September. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).

Medical Tracker

As reported in our previous newsletters, Medical Tracker our new electronic system to record all our medical and first aid activities went live this week. Please refer to the letter emailed home at the weekend for further details of how this new system will operate, or click on [this link](#)

Children in Need Day - Friday 19th November

Once again, we will be supporting the BBC Children in Need Day 2021 and invite all children and staff to 'Wear Something Spotty' to raise funds for this worthwhile charity on **Friday 19th November**. We ask that your donations are made online via our Goosewell Primary Academy JustGiving page, please. You can find the link [here](#)



Key Stage 1 School Tour Invitation

Further to feedback from this week's Parents Evenings, we would like to extend the invitation to Key Stage 1 parents and carers to come into the school to have a guided tour with James Gentile, Headteacher or Laura Warren, Deputy Headteacher. We are conscious that the past eighteen months have made it very difficult for families to even step inside the building and we would therefore love to share our school, where your children spend so much of their week with us. If you would like to book a visit with us, please contact the school office on 01752 482960 or send an email request to admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk and we will get back to you with a date and time.

Well Done

Well done to Oliver F in 6T who has recently started playing rugby for OPM at King Georges playing fields, scoring his first ever try two weeks ago and for helping his mum and dad to keep smiling.



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Celebration Assembly:

Goosewell Primary Academy's Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths & Reading Awards

Every Friday afternoon we look forward to our celebration assembly when children from across the entire school join together via MS Teams to participate in Mr Gentile's whole school assembly. This week's assembly saw winners collecting their Rise to Greatness, Writing, Maths and Reading awards in each phase, with our Reading award winners able to choose a winning book from our new book vending machine. Well done to the following children for receiving their well deserved awards:

	Reception	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Maths Award	Isla C REH <i>For quick recognition of a set when subitising.</i>	Quinn N 1T <i>For developing her confidence to explain her working using excellent 'Maths Talk'.</i>	Aria W 4G <i>For persevering at home with a maths task which she found tricky until she mastered it - great ownership!</i>	Xander 6S <i>For challenging himself in every lesson. He completes extra challenges beyond the Chuuta challenges. He takes it upon himself to help those who are struggling on his table and his peers look up to him as a mini Maths teacher! He's been a superstar.</i>
Writing Award	Joshua R RWH <i>For independently choosing to use a whiteboard pen and board to trace letters.</i>	Austin H 2MB <i>For using super descriptive vocabulary in his writing and beginning to use subordinating conjunctions.</i>	Elliot T 4L <i>For his outstanding vocabulary choices that are bringing his adventure story to life—keep up that thesaurus use Elliot!</i>	Roman 5C <i>Roman has made good progress in writing since the start of Year 5. He takes ownership and has been working really hard to ensure that his sentences are structured correctly, written in neat, joined handwriting and that he uses ambitious vocabulary. Keep up the great effort Roman.</i>
Reading Award	Addison R RWH <i>For fantastic 'Fred talk' and blending to read his first book.</i>	Edith E 2K <i>For fantastic effort in reading.</i>	Harry K 3MO <i>For his fantastic achievement in his latest Star Reading test where his level has shot up - well done Harry!</i>	Emily W 5N <i>For up levelling sentences for The Way Back Home to make it more appropriate for a 10 year old. She has used a wide range of amazing vocabulary.</i>

This week's **Rise to Greatness Award** goes to:

Jayden 6S

Well done to Jayden in Class 6S who voluntarily helped in the dinner hall for a couple of days this week, stacking chairs, clearing tables, helping younger pupils and really impressing the staff with how he has grown into a polite Year 6 boy.

Well done Jayden, we are all very proud of you.



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Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

Oracy

Good oracy skills can help children in every subject that they learn in school. It enables them to express their thoughts and opinions about what they are learning and interact with others thoughtfully and productively. Communicating effectively also means that children will be able to express themselves when they do not understand something or perhaps need a little more support with a specific topic. With good oracy skills, they can reach out and explain what they are thinking and what they need help with. We develop our children's oracy skills on a daily basis through our informal conversations, class discussions, the use of sentence stems, our discussions around vocabulary and more. On the newsletter each week, we will be providing a stimulus for you to be talking about at home as a family.

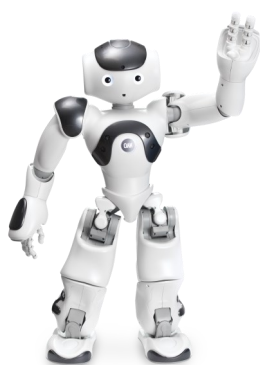
Oracy Activity

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.

Would You Rather?

Read the following question and decide which you would rather.

Would you rather have your own personal robot or a magic carpet that flies?



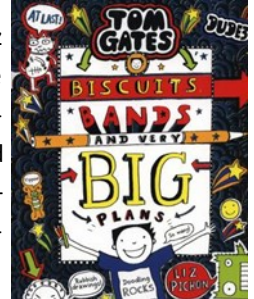
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Book Reviews

We are going to be including book reviews on the newsletter each week, which we would love you to encourage your child to read. The book reviews will be written by children for children. Here are some reviews for this week written by children in 5N.

Biscuits, Bands and Very Big Plans reviewed by Olivia-Grace

Tom Gates has a collection of books and I am writing about one called Biscuits, Bands and Very Big Plans by Liz Pitchon. This book is about a boy called Tom Gates, he is a Year 5 boy in a town called Oakfield. Here are some people featured in every book including this one they are: Marcus Meldrew, Delia Gates, Derek Fingle and Rooster. Delia is Tom's older sister, Marcus is a very annoying person who sits next to Tom, Derek is Tom's best friend and Rooster is Derek's dog. However, Tom doesn't get along with all of these people, Marcus and Delia are people Tom doesn't get along with but otherwise his friends. Throughout the story there is a choir competition mentioned so you have something to look forward to at the end of the story.



I enjoy this book because I find it has lots of humour and activities, lots of them! I find this book as a funny and good book to go back to. These books can be found as flipbooks as well as normal writing books. Tom Gates have big fat books that have fun, games and information.

I recommend this for all ages because of its humour. I have two favourite parts they are: Tom's granny's choice of pizza and Marcus's fear of spiders.



I rate this book 5/5.

The Ice Monster by David Walliams reviewed by Megan



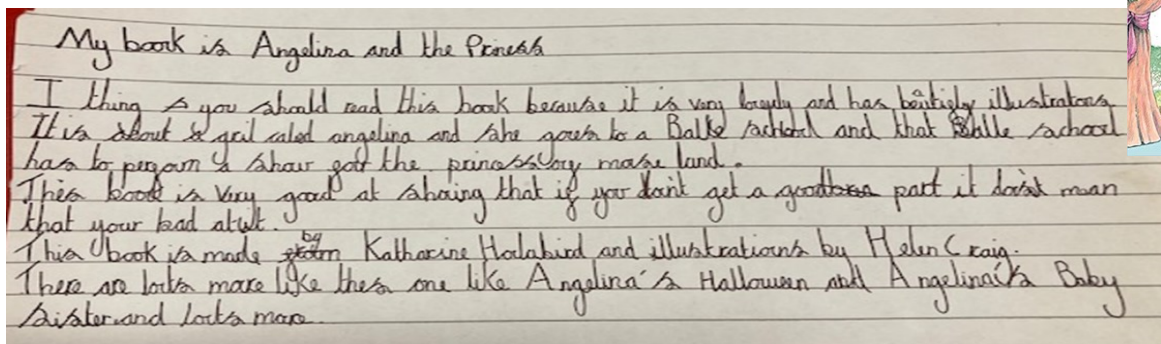
The Ice Monster is one of my favourite books. The book is set in 1899 and is about an urchin who goes to a museum and finds an ice monster. She becomes very connected with it and sets a mission with a wicked professor to bring it back to life. The main character, Elsie goes through a lot, she escapes the orphanage because her guardian bathes them in maggots and feeds them cockroaches for breakfast. Disgusting right! After escaping the orphanage, she becomes a homeless young girl until an old maid finds her and that's when she discovers the mammoth.

The Ice Monster is a very engrossing book and when I read it, I never wanted to put it down. I like all of the illustrations throughout the book because they help me imagine what is happening and makes it is a lot simpler to understand. I loved when the woolly mammoth got taken back to its home in the North Pole because he got to see his family again and wasn't stuck in a dreadful, glass enclosure in London anymore.

I would recommend this book for all of the family to enjoy together or for children aged 7 – 16 to read on their own.



Angelina and the Princess by Katharine Holabird reviewed by Emily



Book Reviews

Code Name Bananas by David Walliams reviewed by Polly



Code Name Bananas

I loved this book because it was very funny as it was about a gorilla named Gertrude. The story tells us about the adventures of young Eric, Gertrude and uncle Sid. We see these characters disguise themselves, escape Nina the air raid warden and even escape the evil twins; Helena and Bertha. This is a very exciting story full of surprising twists! The illustrations make it even better!

I highly recommend this book as it is a perfect family book and will make everyone laugh! David Walliams is a great author and is definitely one of my favourites. Who's your favourite author?



Pip and the Lost Children by Chris Mould reviewed by Henry

Pip and the lost children

This book is about evil bark demons who are trying to take over the town. The bark demons live in the forest and put down the children and anyone that gets in their way. The children have to survive the evil creatures and giants and must find a way to defeat them.

I liked this book because the children worked as a team and had lots of adventures and finally defeated the bark demons and giants. My favourite part was when pip dropped the captain off a roof and it broke.

I give this book ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



Sports Leaders



Thank you to our super Year 6 Active Leaders who have done a fantastic job on the playgrounds over the last two weeks. They have received many compliments from the Meal Time Assistants and it is lovely to see different age groups working collaboratively and enjoying each other's company. The next group are ready and raring to go!

