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This week's year group news...

Reception Ask your child about the life cycles of butterflies and ladybirds and how they compare. Can they tell you what metamorphosis means? They have explored and investigated minibeasts with enthusiasm. The next couple of weeks will move on to looking at the wonderful book, 'Kevin the koala who could' by Rachel Bright to enhance and inspire our learning. The children will be empathising with the character of Kevin and his experiences and sharing their own thoughts and feelings. What are their strengths? What do they find challenging? Who helps them when they feel challenged or find things tricky? In continuous provision, the children will engage in role play reflecting on their own understanding and experience of people who help us in society such as Police, Vets, Paramedics, Postal workers etc. We will be thinking about the country of Australia and comparing it to the UK, looking for similarities and differences in terms of landscape, climate and native wildlife. Creative activity will see us looking carefully at aboriginal art and spot paintings as well as working towards building a tree house for Kevin. The children will also work collaboratively to create a fact file about Australia. In Maths we will be enjoying looking at numbers to 20 and beyond, focusing on what we already know about place value as well as practising our amazing counting and subitising skills.

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Year 1 With the bank holiday, this week seems to have flown past! We have been very busy! In English we have been continuing to become familiar with our text Wilson the wolf who wouldn't go to school. We have been concentrating on some aspects of SPaG including; identifying and using verbs, using capital letters for names and changing verbs to past tense. In Maths we are continuing to look at teen numbers, using our knowledge of 10 and a bit, to add on. Thank you to those who have already had a look at our MyMaths work. Your child will have come home with their username and password this week. Please have a look weekly for a new task. Through our School Days project we have been collecting data about our school using our Geography skills. We completed a fieldwork task, researching and locating different information to complete our booklet. Please remember our school policy is no toys in school, this includes Pokemon cards. Many thanks, have a lovely weekend.

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Year 2 Year 2 have enjoyed the start of our coastlines project where we have been using atlases to find out which seas and oceans surround the United Kingdom. We have also found out about the human and physical features that we find on our coastlines. Next week, we will begin to use maps and keys to locate different coastal features. We have begun writing our class version of the lighthouse keeper's lunch and next week we will be writing our own versions where we will be changing key elements such as the main characters and the setting. Next week, our reading will continue to build upon our reading comprehension skills. We have taken the decision to postpone our spelling tests for this term as we prepare for our SATs over the next few weeks. Spelling tests will resume after June half term.

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More year group news...

Year 3 Looking ahead to next week. We have been enjoying finding out all about the ancient Romans. Next week we will investigate the growth of the Roman Empire and also hear about some of the significant Emperors who ruled Rome. In Maths, we will explore decimals. In Reading, we will work on our comprehension skills. In Writing, we will be exploring the next part of the myth about Romulus and Remus which explores the founding of Rome. The children will write their own version of this which will include dialogue, a variety of conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. In Science, our new project is 'Plant nutrition and reproduction'. Next week we will be planting some tomato seeds and explore the life cycle of a tomato plant. In Art, we will be designing our own Roman mosaic. Please remember to learn your spellings each week, you have a copy at home and there is a copy on Teams. Also remember to complete your 'My Maths' homework weekly. Many thanks for your continued hard work and support

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Year 4 In Year 4 next week, we will use our knowledge from studying The Secrets of a Sun King to create our very own, individual story plans. Each pupil will create a unique plot which also leans on their understanding of Ancient Egypt. Their story will also contain suspense and tension. The children will apply techniques such as 'empty words' and 'show not tell' to develop this area of writing. In maths, Year 4 move into 'geometry' and will begin the block by identifying and comparing angles. Lessons will then move onto considering different shapes and their properties, starting with triangles and then moving onto quadrilaterals. Look out for the MyMaths homework that will be set this coming Monday. If any pupils are struggling to access this aspect of home learning, or cannot remember their log in details, please do speak to your class teacher. In topic, Year 4 will continue to look at the most ancient of civilisations – Sumer. The pupils will study the life of people who lived in Ancient Sumer and will consider their inventions and how this impacted on food and farming.

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Year 5 In English, we have continued to use Kai and the Monkey King to help us develop the tools needed to create action in our own writing. We have boxed up the model text to help us plan a new Beat the Monster story as a class, which we have used to write new stories. We have finished reading Mulan and in Term 6, we will read another Chinese legend from the same book so that everybody can take the AR quiz. In our project lessons, we have been examining evidence of artefacts which were found during a dig at YinXu in 1928. Interestingly, this was the first evidence that the Shang Dynasty existed. We have also been learning about oracle bones, which provided another source of information about life in the Shang Dynasty. In Jigsaw, we have been discussing how the children can recognise when an online community feels unsafe or uncomfortable and ensuring that the children have strategies in order to be able to manage these situations if they arise. Due to the Bank Holiday weekend, there will not be a spelling lesson or test for this week but feel free to use the lists attached to each assignment to start learning next week's focus words. We are also going to be setting two My Maths tasks each week as we progress through the summer term so that the children are able to revise prior knowledge and consolidate recent learning.

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Year 6 This week Year 6 have been working hard to revise some key concepts in maths in preparation for next week. They have looked at Roman numerals, measuring angles and arithmetic methods. The children have enjoyed the challenge of improving their arithmetic scores each day and we have been proud of their progress. Well done Year 6. In grammar lessons, the children have learnt about the past and present progressive tense and wrote sentences using these. The games lesson saw the children enjoy a competitive game of rounders where they practised their striking and fielding skills. We have been so impressed with the children's preparation for next week and we know they are ready so we hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend.

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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](#). If you would like to find out more details of the charity FAB (Families' Activity Breaks), a non-public funded, tri-service charity (registered charity number 1178108), providing fun and challenging activity camps around the UK for bereaved Military families, click on [FAB](#) or [PSA](#). A FAB camp is a fully-paid* week away for bereaved military families; a welcome break to meet and socialise with others who have experienced a similar loss.

Chicken Pox & Scarlet Fever

You should have received a letter this week regarding chicken pox and scarlet fever. Please contact the school office if you have yet to receive it, as it contains important information.

MAPAC Uniform Ordering

Please see information below from our uniform supplier. If you are ordering for the new academic year, please be aware of the last order dates.

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- Visit www.mapac.com/education/parents or search online for 'Mapac find your school'.
- Use the 'LOGIN/REGISTER' tab at the top of the page and fill in your details (even if you don't need to order straight away, it means you'll start receiving Mapac updates and offers!)
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out.

2. ORDERING GUIDE

Under normal circumstances we aim for all orders to be sent out within 10-15 working days. During our busier periods (especially over the summer) or if anything unexpected occurs, it can take longer, so please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

Delivery to your home / work year round!

or

FREE delivery to your school

(This service will not operate during any school holiday this includes the 6 week summer holiday – order cut off date is Friday 24th June for last delivery to school on or around 15th July. Our aim will be to resume from 30th Sept for a first delivery into school mid/end Oct)

IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION

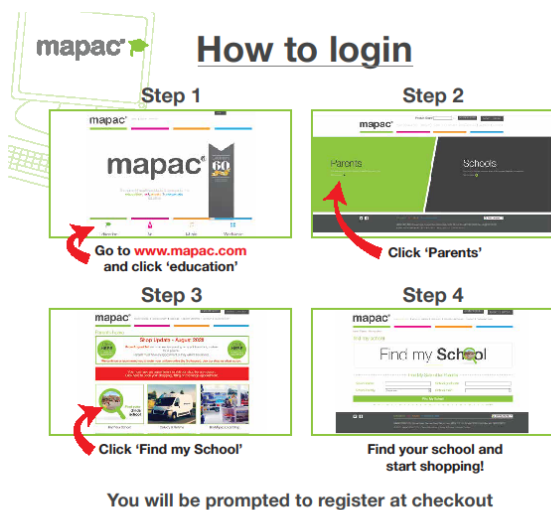
To receive your order before the start of term please order by Sunday 31st July.

We do everything we can to send out all items as soon as possible but a high volume of orders or unforeseen circumstances may occasionally lead to delays.

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Celebration Assembly:

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

Here are this week's 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	James B REH <i>For his love of problem solving and creative way of finding solutions.</i>	Edith E 2K <i>For excellent effort when reading comprehension questions and continuing to put 100% into developing her reading skills.</i>	Olivia F 4G <i>For huge perseverance with fraction and decimal equivalence, using Numicon independently to support her own learning.</i>	Leo O-T 6S <i>For persevering with his Arithmetic SATS practice and applying himself, determined to improve his score. He has ~excelled and gained almost 10 extra questions. He has been displaying a brilliant attitude to his learning in preparation for his upcoming SATS and it has been a delight to see. Well done Leo, keep it up!</i>
Writing Award	Elijah REH <i>For improved pencil grip and letter formation and a happy attitude to writing activity.</i>	Rosie D 1T <i>For outstanding progress in writing. Rosie is really working hard to independently include adjectives and extend her sentences.</i>	Delilah D 4W <i>Has developed suspense and tension in her version of our class planned story. She has used some really scary descriptions to create a great piece of writing - keep up those fantastic skills next week ready for your own story, Delilah!</i>	James McA 5C <i>James is taking huge pride in his writing outcomes and I have barely needed to use a yellow highlighter to suggest improvements. He is taking ownership to ensure that his handwriting is joined and that his sentences are well structured and correctly punctuated. It was a pleasure to share his outcomes with his parents before the Easter holiday as he is making good progress.</i>
Reading Award <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	Jack S-R REH <i>For being able to carefully read his own writing back to others.</i>	Oliver B 1BC <i>For always working hard in Maths. He was great using the greater, less than and equals symbols and at using the part, part whole model this week.</i>	Oscar R 3Y <i>As he made great progress and he always answers questions during our reading sessions. It's clear - he just loves reading!</i>	Samara T 5N <i>She has fully immersed herself in our story of Mulan these last two weeks. This week she has used her knowledge of the story to answer comprehension questions and give her opinion on the thoughts and feelings of Mulan. She has also produced the most beautiful illustrations as to how Mulan would look based on how she is described in the story. Well done, Samara!</i>

This week's Rise to Greatness Award go to:

Charlie R in 2MB

This week's Rise to Greatness award goes to Charlie R in 2MB who has impressed his teachers hugely for his attitude to the birth of his baby brother George. He has been so supportive and helpful feeding George but also being a great big brother to Joshua too. He has shown real maturity. Well done Charlie — we are all very proud of you.

