

This week's year group news...

Reception We have started our beanstalk stories and we are looking forward to illustrating them and bringing them home next week. We would love to see how your Runner bean is getting on – remember that it needs sunlight and water and will hopefully need replanting in soil in a few weeks. We wonder who will grow the biggest beanstalk? Please send us regular updates on Tapestry so that we can compare with one another and talk about what is happening. In Maths we will be comparing lengths and using seeds to create and extend patterns. We will be investigating seeds of all shapes and sizes and trying to predict what they might grow into. Look out for seeds when you are eating or out and about. Let's see which class can collect the largest variety of seeds.

Year 1 We have enjoyed being practical in Maths this week measuring and comparing length. Next week, we will continue to work practically in measuring with a focus on weighing, volume and capacity. In English, we will be wrapping up our unit on Jack and the Beanstalk by writing our new version with different characters. We have already started to think about this – you might want to ask us what our new main character is called and what our version of the 'giant' is. In Science, we will be learning all about living plants and will be doing an experiment to observe how a leaf breathes. Art this week will involve having a little think about our perfect garden and what it might have in it. Maybe some future Monty Dons may come to light?! Just to let you know that the scooter times for Year 1 children have changed slightly since the Educare bubbles. 1T have their scooter time on a Thursday and 1WH on a Friday now. Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a very happy weekend.

Year 2 Next week in Year 2 we will be looking at unusual plants and researching their features. We will be using this information to create fact posters. We will be finishing our 3D shape learning and will be consolidating our knowledge of 2 and 3D shapes. We hope to get out into the school grounds to identify common British birds. Our art sessions will be looking at and replicating the work of Paul Klee.

Year 3 & Year 4 What another very busy but fun week we have had! In English next week, the children will be moving on to writing their very own fantasy quest story! They will be recalling all of their previous learning about expanded noun phrases, using inverted commas accurately and using paragraphs to include in their story.

Year 3 Maths – children will start a new unit of *statistics*. They will be interpreting and presenting data using bar charts, pictograms and tables. They will then be moving on to calculating length and perimeter.

Year 4 Maths – children will continue investigating *decimals*. They will be dividing a 1-digit and then a 2-digit number by 10 and will move on to recognizing hundredths. For topic, we will be exploring evaporation and looking at how water evaporates from puddles on the playground. We will also use 'Stop Motion' animation to explain the water cycle in a fun and creative way. We will then move on to interpreting maps – looking at Ordnance Survey maps of mountainous regions in the UK.



More year group news...

Year 5 This week, we have carried out a range of assessments which will be used to determine the objectives we need to focus on throughout the summer term. The children approached these assessments positively and with pride. Next week, we will continue our Beast Creator topic in Reading as we explore the text 'Super Bug' further. In English, the children will be using the notes made during their research sessions last week to write the information they will include in a fact file about a mini beast of their choice. Our PSHE sessions have involved some mature conversations about the children's dreams and goals. We have been exploring the salaries for a wide range of jobs and explored each other's opinions about whether money can buy you happiness. In Maths, we will continue to learn about fractions with a specific focus on subtracting fractions in addition to subtracting mixed number fractions. Please encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings, read daily, quiz when they complete a book and to complete their My Maths homework on a weekly basis.

Year 6 This week, the children have been working hard to complete a series of assessments. In Year 6, we continue to explore the unique country of Mexico, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun festivals. This week, the children have been discussing the major achievements of the fascinating Mayans and working collaboratively to build a 3D temple. In future sessions, we will explore the Mayan religion, which was Polytheist. They worshipped more than 165 gods and goddesses. In English sessions, we have been reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The book centres on an unlucky teenage boy named Stanley Yelnats, who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention centre in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft. We have been using this model to inspire our own narrative writing. Next week, we will immerse ourselves in the sights and sounds of Mexico, to help us write free-verse poetry. In our reading sessions, the children will continue to apply their viper skills when reading and discussing the mysterious storybook 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate reading book and is quizzing regularly. Our Maths learning next week will focus on the topic of ratio and proportion. This week's assessments will also inform all future teaching and learning. Please make sure that all children with a pen licence, bring their own handwriting pen to school. Finally, weekly spelling tests are taking place each Friday so please ensure that the spelling lists are accessed via the website or Teams assignments.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

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This week's highlights & reminders:

Parents Consultations

Further to the letter sent home last week, parents' evenings will take place during week commencing 29th March 2021. As previously, this parents' evening will take place over the telephone with your child's teacher and you will need to book a timeslot in advance. The online booking system will go live at 3.15pm on Friday 19th March via the school website.

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 throughout the current lockdown. 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 on our return to school and together they can work out how to make that worry shrink.

Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).

Are you a budding baker? Then read on....

Junior Bake Off is looking for budding bakers aged between 9-15 with a connection to the Royal British Legion to take part in Series 7 of the show.

The Channel 4 programme celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. Junior Bake Off has become a huge success since it launched on Channel 4 and the warm hearted nature of the show has made it a favourite with families and amateur bakers.

Filming would take place from July 2021. **Applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.** For more information or to apply online, please go to www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



Covid-19 Guidance and Reporting

We have included a link to the guidance for you to follow should you or a member of your family/support bubble experience Covid-19 symptoms, or test positive for Covid-19. Please take the time to read this guidance to ensure that we are all following the correct procedures, aimed at keeping our community safe and well. We would be grateful if you could continue to use the covid@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk email address to inform us of anything Covid related. This is also for remote learners who are unable to access their learning remotely due to Covid related issues. Thank you.

[Covid-19 - Absence Guidance](#)



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Lost Coat

Has your child come home with the wrong coat? We have a black puffer style coat with a blue lining missing from Lower Key Stage 2. It is aged 9-10 and has a label with F Anderton inside. If you come across it, we would love to reunite the coat with its owner. Many thanks.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day Fun!

Thank you for your very generous donations to our Just Giving page for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day - we have so far raised a whopping £392 for this fantastic charity which goes so far to improve the lives of so many.

