



## Year Group News

### Foundation Stage

Next week in Foundation, we will be learning the sounds sh (as in sh - ee-p), th (as in th-i-n and th-i-s), ng (as in s-t -r-o-ng) and ch (as in ch-i-n). Ask us to show you our actions to go with these sounds and see if we can tell you some words that have these sounds in them. The children will each be receiving a new brown book next week which will have a few key words to learn to both read and write each week. We love seeing how quickly the children progress with the wonderful support you provide from home to reinforce their learning in class. The books will go out each Friday and please return to school when the task is complete so we can provide new words to learn. Thank you for your continued support. The children will also be designing their own Gingerbread man or woman and deciding where it will run to.... we can't wait to find out where the children decide to send them! Lidl, the park, space or it could even run to school! Keep a look out for any run away gingerbread men as we are going to be baking our own and we will definitely want to eat them!

### Year 1

**Literacy** – Year 1 will be news reporters and writing an account of the Great Fire of London. **Phonics** – Continue to learn the sounds stuck in your child's homework book. **Maths** – Revision week of addition, subtraction and place value and completing White Rose Maths assessments of all their learning so far. **Number Naughts!** This will be the first week that your child will be tested on their first planet challenge on Wednesday. **Games/PE** – KS1 will be enjoying a one off Tennis workshop on Tuesday morning with a professional tennis coach.

### Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we will be learning division by grouping in Maths. In Literacy, we will be writing instructions and we will also be learning facts about our Fire of London topic. Our learning disposition for the week will be reflecting on our learning.

### Year 3

Year 3 will be continuing their topic on Vikings and Dragons next week. We have been reading and learning about the text 'How to Train Your Dragon' and we will be introducing a new dragon text with the children next week! They will then be writing their own set of instructions on 'How to Hatch a Dragon Egg'. In Maths, the children will be continuing the unit on Multiplication and Division, where they will be multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, as well as doing the same with division. They have learnt a range of methods to do this and can use visuals to support them! We will also be working on our Kodu worlds in Computing, where the children are replicating the 'Isle of Berk' from 'How to Train your Dragon', as well as singing a range of Viking songs in full Viking spirit!

### Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying learning about the rainforest. We have been studying orangutans and next week will begin discussing deforestation. On Tuesday, we will be completing a Big Write non chronological report about an imaginary rainforest animal. See if your child can tell you their writing target which they hope to achieve in this piece! In Maths, we have learnt how to use the short written method for multiplication and will move on to written methods for division next week.

### Year 5

Next week in Year 5, our maths learning will be focused on division of numbers up to four digits (thousands). In Literacy, we will be continuing our cross-curricular links with our Egypt topic. There will be some surprises in store as we discover and explore King Tutankhamun's long lost tomb and the children will record their findings through the eyes of Howard Carter, an expert archaeologist, in the form of a diary entry. In addition, our Grammar focus this week will be using dashes for parenthesis; we will be challenging the children to use this new skill in their independent writing.

### Year 6

Year 6 continue to work very hard. Next week in Maths, we are focusing on decimal place value and will use this knowledge to order and compare numbers up to 3 decimal places. We will also be converting units of measure. In Literacy, we will be writing a newspaper report based on our Tudor-themed class read 'Spy Master'. In addition, we will be peeling back the layers of our Earth, discovering what lies beneath our feet and considering the impact of shifting tectonic plates. Don't forget that 6R have their family assembly at 2:30pm on Friday, when you can share all the great learning that is taking place with your child.

Firstly, I'd like to say thank you for making me feel so welcome over the last week, it has been a pleasure getting to meet some of you outside in the playground. One of my highlights during the week is to lead the assemblies for the different key stages. The assemblies I provide are based on studying a different 'virtue' each week. The idea is that we can all be reminded of different virtues, such as determination and co-operation to help us lead better lives in and out of school. I try and use Youtube footage to help explain the virtue, which I hope your children enjoy. Please do ask your children what virtues they have learnt so far. Next week's virtue will be:

A feeling or belief that you can do something well or succeed at something.

**1B Iyla D** for a super retelling of the *Christmas* story.

**1/2K Sophie N** for continual perseverance in all of her learning and for beautiful cursive handwriting.

**2KW Krystal W** for fantastic effort in all her learning.

**1NH Jenson H** who is polite to everyone and has a lovely, caring and thoughtful nature.

**1B** Ava **G** for trying so hard to improve her handwriting.

**1/2K Harvey J** for excellent writing about London in 1666 and now and for improving his spelling and handwriting.

**2KW Edward W** for fantastic reading in our instruction session this morning.

**2KW Evie-Grace S** for having a lovely calm and polite manner and for being a joy to have in 2KW.

Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the *Goosewell Academy* website, for information on clubs, support and activities for families throughout the year. You can find further details by [clicking here](#)

PSA

As from next week, the turkey lasagne will be replaced by beef lasagne in response to feedback from children across the city who prefer the beef.

## Sweet and sour chicken

## Vegetable stir fry with vegetable spring rolls and egg fried rice

### **Class 4M**

At half-term we say good bye (for now) to Miss Merriman as she leaves us to start her family. We wish her good luck and all the very best and we will look forward to her returning in the Autumn. To cover Year 4M in her absence, as well as to cover Miss Merriman's maths lead duties, we have been very fortunate to recruit Miss Warren who is one of Plymouth's premier Maths Mastery Specialists and will join us straight after half term. Miss Warren will also be visiting the class in the near future for a few days in order to get to know the children.

### **Signing in/out**

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the installation of our new signing in procedures. If you have visited reception recently, you will have noticed that we now have a computerised signing-in system for staff, visitors and pupils at the main entrance. If your child is late, or you need to collect them during the school day, you will need to sign them in or out at the console, following the instructions on the screen. As previously, children will always need to be signed in or out by an authorised adult. If you need any assistance, please talk to Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Arnold or Mrs Walker who will be happy to help.

### **Clubs**

Afterschool clubs will now commence week beginning 21st January 2019. The clubs timetable has been emailed home with this newsletter.

## **Dates for your diaries**

### **JANUARY**

#### **Monday 21st**

Clubs start this week

#### **Friday 25th**

Y5 Clive Pig - the Storyfella

6R Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

PAAC Cross Country Race 1 at Wembury Primary School at 4.00pm

#### **Tuesday 29th**

Y6 Rowing Championships at Plymstock School

#### **Thursday 31st**

Y3 Viking Day

### **FEBRUARY**

#### **Friday 1st**

2BH Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

PAAC Cross Country Race 2 at Oreston Academy at 4.00pm

### **Future dates:**

Friday 8th February

Non Pupil Day

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

February Term Break

Friday 22nd March

Annual Pupil Progress Reports

Tuesday 26th March

National Child Measurement

Wednesday 27th March and

Programme for Foundation Stage and Year 6

Monday-Wednesday 1st-3rd April

Parent and Child Consultations

Friday 5th April

Last day of term, normal finish time

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April

Easter break

Tuesday 23rd April

Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 24th April

First day of Term 5 for children

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