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This week's year group news...

Reception We have had great fun this week making and launching rockets into space and next week we will extend our learning by using junk modelling to create moon buggies with simple axels. Remember to keep checking on Tapestry to see what we have been up to! The aliens that we made at the playdough table will be the inspiration for our writing, where we will be drawing and using descriptive words to label our own aliens. We have been super problem-solvers in Maths and our teachers have been impressed with how creative we have been, rising to challenges and explaining our understanding. This week we will be introducing number 8 and looking at doubling. Please remember to send in Read Write Inc folders each Thursday ready for a new book to come home on a Friday. Your children are able to change their school library books every day.

[Find your Reception Year Group Page Here](#)

Year 1 We have had a busy week in Year 1 and are pleased that we have all re-joined the KS1 bubble. We have had a great week completing our learning on Dick Whittington and have produced some super writing. Next week, we are starting our new non-fiction unit focussing on the story of the 'Town mouse and the country mouse'. In Maths, we are looking at the properties of 3D shape and using the correct vocabulary to describe the shapes we know. We have been thoroughly enjoying our 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic and next week we will be looking at the features of a city and comparing London to our own local area.

[Find your Year 1 Group Page Here](#)

Year 2 Another whirlwind week in the world of Year 2! We have had a fantastic week writing our own version's of 'Gretta and the giants' where our Year 2 activists described a pollution problem that they have overcome. Over the next few weeks, our English learning will focus on the Neil Armstrong and his Apollo mission to the moon. Our Maths learning will bring our multiplication and division learning to a close with a series of lessons cover dividing by 2, 5 and 10. A quick reminder that in any spare moments practicing skip counting (2, 4, 6, 8 etc) the 2s, 5s and 10s will be extremely useful and games like hit the button (find this by searching on Google) will also help with this. Our topic learning will focus on key activists in history such as Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst we will also be discussing how we know about significant people from history. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home we have been pleased with the progress through our reading rainbow! Please remember that those children accessing AR books must bring them to school each day.

[Find your Year 2 Group Page Here](#)



More year group news...

Year 3 What a busy week we have had! We continue to be impressed with your excellent learning attitude Year 3 and would also like to thank your parents for their continued support with your learning. Next week, we will be starting our new Writing unit on instructions. In Maths we will continue working on 'Money' and will move onto calculating change. In Reading, we will be finding out about the life of famous fossil hunter Mary Anning. In Art, we will be using clay to design and make our own replica fossil ammonites. We will also be learning how to biscuit fire and glaze fire in the kiln. Finally, in Geography, we will continue exploring tectonic plates and 'The ring of fire'.

[Find your Year 3 Group Page Here](#)

Year 4 In English next week, we will be starting an exciting new non-fiction block based on pollution. The children will be looking at the features of a persuasive text and examining our own environmental impact both at home and school. In maths, we will be moving on to understanding fractions and finding their equivalents. In reading, we will be enjoying 'A River,' making predictions and then describing the settings, but we will keep the plot line a secret for now! In our topic lessons, we will be discussing landscape features caused by erosion and deposition and the changing course of rivers over time.

[Find your Year 4 Group Page Here](#)

Year 5 Next week, Year 5 are looking forward to their Bikeability sessions. Please remember to send your child in to school wearing their school games kit and trainers everyday next week so that they are wearing suitable clothing for these sessions in addition to our Games lesson on Friday. We would also appreciate it if you could ensure that your child has their coat in school as they will be outside for long periods of time. We have needed to remind the children a lot recently about the safety aspects of having their hair tied back and earrings either being removed for PE and Games sessions or covered up using micropore tape. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is able to remove their earrings or cover them up independently in addition to checking that necklaces and bracelets are not being worn. This week in our Jigsaw lesson, we have been talking about the children's dreams and goals for their future careers. It has been interesting to listen to their career choices and we have started to explore what qualifications may be needed for specific careers and what their starting salary would be. In Music this term, we are learning how to sing the well-known Adele song Make You Feel My Love. This may explain why your child may be humming it, singing it or listening to it regularly at home!

[Find your Year 5 Group Page Here](#)

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have continued their English learning linked to Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe'. The children were immersed into a World War Two bombing scenario and generated a bank of descriptive phrases to help them write a successful description. They have also taken part in a debate about a moral dilemma that the characters faced in the story. In Maths, the children have linked their fractions learning to decimals and will build on this next week by seeing how this relates to percentages. In History, we have learnt how the war affected people on the home front. The first group of Year 6 children attended the Go Kart Club and worked with the Babcock engineers to design logos for the teams. Please remember to complete the MyMaths homework by Friday. Have 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](#).



Emotional Logic

EMOTIONAL LOGIC PARENT INTRODUCTION

Do you want to:

- Know how to help your children build their inner strength to adapt to the changes and challenges in life?
- Explore new ways for your family to communicate and talk about tricky emotional issues?
- Find new ways to deal with others when they feel angry, anxious or stuck?

If so, you are invited to attend a free 60 minute online session.
During the session you will be introduced to the Emotional Logic technique and shown how to use the resources to help yourself and others.

elcentre.org Wed 2nd Feb 7.30-8.30pm

STEAM at Goosewell

If you're interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, check out this brand new playlist on the Goosewell Academy YouTube Channel - a collection of weird and wonderful inventions, designs and projects to inspire you!

[Goosewell STEAM Inspiration \(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths\) - YouTube](#)

FROGS - pre-loved clothes & uniform donations

If you have any pre loved clothes and uniform that you would like to donate to the school for a pre-loved sale to raise funds for FROGS (formerly the PTA), the small team of lovely FROGS volunteers will be collecting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for the next two weeks. They will be at the table, in the quiet area outside the Year 4 entrance - please feel free to pop by to say hello or drop in your donations. Come and see them from pick up time on:

Monday 31st Jan - Tuesday 1st Feb - Wednesday 2nd Feb
Mon 7th Feb - Tuesday 8th Feb - Wednesday 9th Feb



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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	Elsa REH <i>For finding and recording different ways of making 7.</i>	Noah 2K <i>For super effort with dividing numbers and representing this using a bar model.</i>	Eli 3OC <i>For his fantastic growth mindset in Maths. He perseveres through any challenge and this is leading to amazing progress. He is a changed boy.</i>	Emily 5N <i>Emily has persevered so much this week with division, she has been so engaged and worked so hard to ensure she knew exactly what she was doing. She is always super keen to participate in maths but she has worked particularly hard this week. She has also started our fractions unit at the end of this week with the same enthusiasm and ownership. Amazing work, Emily!</i>
Writing Award	Lenny RWH <i>For working hard to improve his cursive letter formation.</i>	Shayera 1F <i>For writing an excellent story independently in English lessons, even using direct speech and considering how the characters were feeling! She has worked hard on remembering all her full tops and improving her writing.</i>	Mya 4L <i>For her amazing effort writing her fantastic story and the tremendous progress made on her handwriting. Keep up the great effort!</i>	Harry 5KR <i>Miss Keeping and Mrs Rudd are very impressed with Harry's writing this week - a beautifully written description of his own version of The Secret Garden. Keep it up, Harry!</i>
Reading Award <i>Books kindly donated by FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA)</i>	Charlie REH <i>For using his phonic skills to read simple words and recognising a growing number of 'special friends'.</i>	Isaac 1BC <i>For being completely engrossed in reading maps and information about cities in our geography learning this week. Isaac has an incredible knowledge as to where places are in the UK. Fabulous!</i>	Iyla 4G <i>For having a superb attitude towards reading, achieving the highest word count in the class and regularly quizzing both at home and in school.</i>	Roman 5C <i>Roman has already exceeded his Accelerated Reader word count from Year 4! He is taking ownership and taking on the challenge to reach 50,000 words by Easter.</i>

Rise To Greatness

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

Harper in 2K

Harper has been inspired by her Year 2 learning on Greta Thunburg and has created her own litter picking club after school each Wednesday. We are proud of our very own eco-activist and thank you Harper for keeping Plymstock tidy.



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Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

Oracy

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.

Have a conversation about...

your happiest memory.



Accelerated Reader

Our total Accelerated Reader word count as a school, since September 2021, is 37,179,822!!!! The class in the lead is currently 6T with a word count of 6,260,516 and in second place is 4L with a total of 3,717,557. Keep up the fantastic reading Goosewell!!

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. This week's reviews are written by 4L and can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#)

The Ice Monster by David Walliams reviewed by Delilah

Date: 25.1.22

BOOK REVIEW

A Book Review by: Delilah R
Title: The Ice Monster
Author: David Walliams

Did you like the book?
★★★★★
I loved 'The Ice Monster' by David Walliams

Would you recommend the book? Why?
I would recommend it because it is a scary story and it has a really cool monster.

What was your favourite part?
My favourite part was when the monster was really scary and it was in the ice.

What was the book about?
The book was about a girl who was in a room and a monster was in the room.

Draw a scene from the book.

Gangsta Granny Strikes Again by Chloe

Date: 06.01.22

BOOK REVIEW

A Book Review by: Chloe .G
Title: Gangsta Granny Strikes Again
Author: David Walliams

Did you like the book?
★★★★★
I was very happy with the book David Walliams has written.

Would you recommend the book? Why?
Because it is funny and it is a story about a girl who is a thief.

What was your favourite part?
I liked the bit where the queen stole the football world cup and it was a really funny story.

What was the book about?
The book was about a girl who was a thief and she was in a room and a monster was in the room.

Draw a scene from the book.



Sports News at Goosewell Primary Academy

On Wednesday, a team of Year 6 rowers travelled to the Life Centre to take part in the Plymouth School's Rowing Competition. Two Goosewell teams were entered into the competition. During the afternoon, the children took part in individual races against schools from across the city. They also took part in a team race where they had to co-ordinate swapping rowers during a two minute race. The children all enjoyed the experience and were a credit to the school. In the individual races, Maizy received 1st place and Evie received 2nd place overall. Well done Goosewell.



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