The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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Year Group News

Foundation Stage

Following a fun couple of weeks learning about transport, we are now starting to learn about people who help us in our local community. The children will be dressing up and engaged in role play and will be writing about what job they would like to do when they grow up. Outside, we will be thinking about road safety and the children will be issuing parking tickets and creating their own driving licences...so watch out! If there are any parents in exciting job roles linked to the theme of 'people who help us' who would be prepared to share what they do with the children, please speak to your child's teacher. In phonics we are learning /ure/ as in 'pure' and /ur/ as in 'fur'. Don't forget it is Red Nose Day on Friday 🙂

Year 1

Next week Year 1 will be continuing to learn about magnets in Science and investigating how they work and which materials are magnetic. In Literacy, Year 1 will be writing facts about space Jeffers as a stimulus. In maths, we will be continuing our learning on measures, and will be measuring and comparing the weight of objects using balance scales.

Year 2

In Year 2 next week we will be measuring length in cms and metres and using both units of measurement to accurately measure a range of objects. We are continuing our Mrs Armitage on wheels learning in Literacy. This week the children will be adapting the story, pretending they are with Christopher Columbus and helping him to adapt his boat for his long journey. We are looking forward to creating seascapes in art and will be looking closely at shells to draw detailed black and white sketches.

Year 3

Next week, Year 3 will continue to work on measurement and perimeter in Maths. In Literacy, we will be writing a diary as we try to imagine that we are the main character from our class text 'The Jamie Drake Equation'. In Science we will be investigating which plants are edible for humans and animals. We are also looking forward to creating some 'Alien silhouette' artwork.

Next week's virtue is..... Patience

The ability to wait for a long time without becoming annoyed or upset.

Year 4

In electricity, we have been constructing our own circuits and exploring insulators and conductors. Following our reading of 'Voices in the Park,' we have written our own diary entries from a characand using the story How to Catch a Star by Oliver ter's perspective and in maths we have continued our fractions learning to subtract fractions for whole numbers. In Guided Reading, the children have been studying 'Gorilla' and wrote a thank you letter to the main character. We have continued to use our Real PE skills to help us with netball in our outdoor games sessions.

Year 5

Year 5 will be continuing our work on fractions by finding fractions of amounts, quantities and measures. We shall be exploring these concepts pictorially (through the use of bar model) and by using concrete resources to make sense of the abstract. In Literacy, we will be looking at detailed character descriptions in preparation for writing our own versions of Treasure Island. On Tuesday, Year 5 will continue to work with professionals from Argyle on the *Move and Learn* project, by completing a range of theory and physical activities (please bring PE kit). Your child will be bringing a 'home task' home each week based on the learning from this session, which will be their homework for the rest of Term 4 - please ensure that it is completed and returned by the following Tuesday. Thank you.

Year 6

In Literacy next week, we will be starting a two week narrative unit based around an Anthony Horowitz text called 'The Switch'. In Maths, we will focusing on applying our knowledge of maths to reasoning and problem solving questions. We will also be reading and analysing texts in preparation for SATs and continuing to revise key grammar terms.

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Term Dates 2019-20

The news term dates for 2019/2020 have now been released. You should have received an email with the new dates, but you can also find them by clicking here

Dates for your diaries MARCH Mondav 11th Scholastic Book Fair in the Drama Hall 3.25pm-4.00pm **Tuesday 12th** Scholastic Book Fair in the Drama Hall 3.25pm-4.00pm Wednesday 13th Scholastic Book Fair in the Drama Hall 3.25pm-4.00pm Friday 15th Red Nose Day for Comic Relief - wear something red for £1 30 Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30pm-3.00pm Thursday 21st World Down Syndrome Day 2019 - wear odd socks to raise awareness Friday 22nd 3Y Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30pm-3.00pm Annual Pupil Progress Reports sent home **Tuesday 26th** National Child Measurement Programme for Foundation Stage and Year 6 Wednesday 27th and Monday-Wednesday 1st-3rd April Parent and Child consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm or 1.45pm-4.30pm, details to follow Thursdav 28th Junior Ten Tors training Coombe Dean School 4.00pm-5.30pm Friday 29th And Tuesday 2nd April Visual screening tests for Foundation Stage 6S Family Assembly in the Main Hall 2.30pm-3.00pm APRIL Monday 1st Year 6 assessment week Years 1 and 2 Parent and Child consultations in the Main Hall 1.45pm-4.30pm Foundation Stage Parent and Child consultations in classrooms 1.45pm-4.30pm **Tuesday 2nd** Years 4 and 6 Parent and Child consultations in the Main Hall 1.45pm-4.30pm Visual screening tests for Foundation Stage Wednesday 3rd Years 3 and 5 Parent and Child consultations in the Main Hall 1.45pm-4.30pm **Thursday 4th** Rocksteady Concert for Parents/Carers in the Main Hall at 11.00am. Fridav 5th Last day of Term 4, normal finish time. Future dates: Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April Easter break Tuesday 23rd April Non Pupil Day Wednesday 24th April First day of Term 5 for children Monday 6th May May Bank Holiday Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May Year 6 SATs Thursday 23rd May Last Day of Term 5 for children Friday 24th May Non Pupil Day for staff training Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Whitsun break Monday 3rd June First day of Term 6

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