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This week's year group news...

Reception We are excited to be introducing a new text this week to inspire and enhance our learning. 'The Smeds and The Smoos' by Julia Donaldson explores prejudice, celebrating difference and looking after each other. Our enhanced activities will include experimenting with colour mixing, making playdough Space creatures, building rockets and naming and describing some planets. In Maths we will be recording number stories to demonstrate different ways to make 6 and 7 in our books. The children will look at and name a range of baby animals as well as discussing how they themselves have changed as they have grown and what makes them unique.

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

Year 1 We are all thoroughly enjoying our 'Bright Lights, Big City!' topic learning. This week we have been thinking about the weather in the UK and the fact that we have four seasons. Ask your child if they can name them and talk to you about the types of weather we experience in each season. They should also know that learning about the weather is a part of the subject, Geography. Each time we carry out topic learning now, we talk to the children about which subject it is. During our English sessions, we have continued to think about the story of Dick Whittington. This week we have ordered parts of the story, ordered words in a sentence, looked for features and found errors. We have also had a go at writing the story in our own words. In our Maths sessions, we have been subtracting. We have used the part whole model, tens frames and Numicon to help us with this. We have been comparing number statements with the <, > and = symbols and using related facts to find answers. Ask us to show you how amazing we are. It's been a busy week! Have a wonderful weekend.

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

Year 2 A big thank you to all Year 2 parents for your support during the last week. We've been hit by that pesky Covid but the children have shown both flexibility and resilience and we are proud of both our home learners and in schoolers! Next week, we hope to welcome a few more children back into school and the week starts with a wonderful whole day art extravaganza. We will be continuing to practise the concept of division in maths next week. In English we will be writing our own version of Greta and the Giants in class. Enjoy a much-needed sunny weekend and keep reading! The Year 2 team.

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



More year group news...

Year 3 We have been impressed with the children's positive attitude to their learning this past week, including those who have been learning at home. We are still reading the amazing story 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and next week in writing, we will be creating our own individual plan and will then write our own version of a chapter. In maths we will be exploring 'scaling' with questions like 'An orange caterpillar is 5cm. A brown caterpillar is 3 times as long. How long is the brown caterpillar?'. In Reading, we will be working on our comprehension skills. In Art, we will be using our final 'motif' of an ammonite to print a design. Finally, in Geography, we will be discovering what tectonic plates are and move onto locating and naming volcanoes and plate boundaries.

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

Year 4 Our literacy this week has been practising all the spelling, punctuation and grammar skills for writing our fantasy stories; we are now all planned and ready to go next week in the hope of impressing our previous teachers! Perhaps ask your child to tell you all about the magical land they have created and the fantasy creatures that they meet there! We have finished our multiplication and division block now - well done to all those fantastic children who took ownership of their learning by practising the bus stop method at home! Next week we will be moving to exploring area on a grid. In our topic this week, we have been looking at the features of rivers and next week we will examine how rivers have changed landscapes over time. In art we have looked at animals in paintings from different cultures and periods of time. Next week we will take a masterclass in drawing them!

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

Year 5 Our Line, Light and Shadows topic has provided the children with the opportunity to learn about the famous artist Pablo Picasso and they have practised drawing in his style using continuous lines. The children have also had the chance to develop their sketching skills using techniques such as cross-hatching, contour lines, stippling and scribbling. In English, we have been learning about the techniques that can be used when describing characters and settings such as the use of adjectives to create expanded noun phrases, similes and the use of our senses. We have used The Secret Garden as a basis to create a new class version of the story, which the children have written this week. In Maths, we have been using the formal method of multiplication to multiply 4 digits by 2 digits. This has been a challenge for some children due to not being able to recall multiplication facts at speed. Again, we encourage the children to take ownership of this by regularly playing TTR at home. Towards the end of this week, we moved on to developing our knowledge of division. On Monday 31st January, Year 5 will be participating in Bikeability everyday until the Thursday. Please ensure that you complete the online consent form, which was sent out earlier this week, to ensure that your child is able to participate in this free course which will teach them all about how to ride their bike safely on the roads.

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

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have investigated weaponry used in the First World War and ordered key events. In maths, we have started to learn about decimals and have multiplied and divided them by 10, 100 and 1,000. The children are enthralled by the story 'The Harmonica' and have made inferences and empathised with the characters. In writing sessions, the children have crafted letters in the role of David from the fantastic 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. MyMaths homework has been set as usual due for next Friday (28.01.22). Please ensure your child completes this as well as learning spellings and reading regularly. 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](#).

Pre-Loved Shoes

We would be grateful for any donations of pre-loved school shoes, of any size and age group please. If your child has recently outgrown theirs, and they are still in a presentable condition, we would be truly grateful to receive them for our stock. Just pop them in to the School Office at the end of the day. Thank you.



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.



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Wed 2nd Feb
7.30-8.30pm



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	Tilly-Boo RWH <i>For using mathematical language to compare weights.</i>	Arya 2MB <i>For amazing multiplication and division.</i>	Emily 4G <i>For showing incredibly ownership and perseverance in her maths learning this week. When she struggled with division, she asked for extra help, then went home and practised lots more until now she is an expert at the bus stop method.</i>	Leah 5C <i>Leah was absent at the start of the week and returned to school part way through our division lessons. She has taken ownership, listened carefully and worked hard to demonstrate a secure understanding of dividing 3 digits by 1 digit.</i>
Writing Award	Jackson REH <i>For using 'Fred fingers' to write CVC words.</i>	Ivy 2K <i>For wonderful writing using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions.</i>	Lydia 3OC <i>For having such a fantastic attitude within her writing. She always wants to know her targets and how to reach them and it is because of this terrific mindset that she has made such incredible progress so far in Year 3.</i>	Amber 6T <i>Well done to Amber for wowing Mrs Thorne with her progress in writing. Her letter in the role of David from Friend or Foe was simply amazing, showing potential for greater depth standard!</i>
Reading Award	Isla RWH <i>For using puppets to retell a story.</i>	Billy 1F <i>For his excellent work with phonics this week.</i>	George 3Y <i>For amazing attitude and determination to improve his reading. He completes daily quizzes and always asks if he can read our class text after we have finished reading it.</i>	Billy-Joe 5N <i>For using such a wonderful, exciting range of vocabulary in all his reading lessons this week to describe setting, characters and illustration for our reading text The Promise. He has also brought this lovely vocabulary into his writing this week.</i>

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

Lilli-Mai 4G

Well done to Lilli-Mai for being an incredibly caring and thoughtful friend in the playground, adapting games so that everyone can play, encouraging others who find playtimes tricky and being patient and understanding when others struggle to follow the rules.

We are all very proud of your example Lilli-Mai.

We will share a phot of you receiving your award from Mr Gentile next week!



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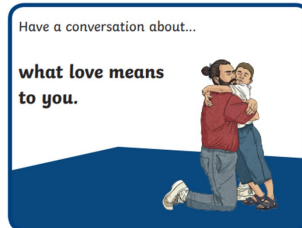
Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy

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.



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 5C and can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#)

The Treehouse book series by Andy Griffiths reviewed by Ernest

This is an easy-going children's comedy series. There are 8 books in the series and these books are great for people who read lots of novels and like illustrated novels. There are two main characters, Terry and Andy, who have built many different machines, and are both extreme risk takers and with the help of an animal addicted girl, Jill (who owns an interstellar animal rescue service) they fight powerful enemies, or undertake extreme risks!

I enjoyed these books. Try them out!

