

## Issue No 18 - 18th February 2022

### This week's year group news...

**Reception** After half-term we will be enjoying a new text, Jasper's Beanstalk, by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We will be looking at and sorting a variety of seeds – if you have any old seed packets at home that you no longer require we would love to have them please! We will be thinking about what a seed needs to grow and then becoming authors ourselves, writing and illustrating a story about our own beanstalk. In maths we will be thinking about solving simple problems using addition and subtraction, as well as investigating capacity through our play. We look forward to seeing who you dress up as for World Book Day on Thursday – look out for a couple of Jaspers at school! We always like hearing your half term news after the break – maybe you could upload some photographs on Tapestry for us to share with the rest of the class when we come back. Enjoy a well-deserved rest everyone!

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

**Year 1** Happy end of term! We have had a great final week of writing our own version of 'The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse'. We have been blown away by the enthusiasm and hard work the children have shown us, we are very impressed with their story writing. We have moved on to number and place value in Maths, revising numbers 1-10, thinking about their value, place on a number line, using part part whole models to build the number and spelling the numeral names. In topic we have continued to learn about the Great fire of London, representing the activity through collage. We have had an influx this week of children moving along the reading rainbow, thank you for all your support and hard work at home with reading, this is really evident in the progress the children are making. Over the holiday please take some time to check through your child's uniform, coats, bags, pack lunch boxes etc and make sure everything that could possibly be misplaced is named! (With the correct child's name - not a siblings, some staff members do not know older siblings). We do our best to return missing items, but this is much easier if all items have names. Thank you. We hope you have a restful break!

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

## Rise To Greatness

**Year 2** Year 2 have had a super term and have fitted in a superb amount of learning while also navigating bubbles and home learning- we are super proud of them and hope they, and you, have a well earned rest over the half term break. When we return, we will complete our shape learning by covering the names and properties of 3D shape. Our English learning will focus on the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We will spend time exploring the story, learning sections and developing our understanding of key SPaG elements before moving on to writing our own versions. We have an exciting DT day planned where we will be exploring healthy food and will be spending time designing our own healthy school meal. We will then go on to make the meals!

Thank you for your continued support - the Year 2 team.

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



## More year group news...

**Year 3** After half term, Year 3 are continuing with our fantastic “Rocks, Relics and Rumbles” topic. Alongside of this, we will be exploring forces and magnets within Science and beginning our very exciting new Art and D.T topics; where we will be making moving toys and learning all about LS Lowry. In Maths, we will be focussing further on length and perimeter and in Writing, we will be starting our new Historical Fiction block based all around the events in Pompeii that the children have also learnt about within Geography. We hope you have a well-rested and deserved half term and we once again, thank you for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful week. From the whole of the Year 3 team.

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

**Year 4** In literacy this week, we have seen the children displaying their amazing pen licence skills! If your child doesn't have one yet, try practising those tall letters and joins over the half term break as we will be handing more out shortly. Our literacy focus this week has highlighted the passion that pupils have about the environment and helped them to understand ways we can improve our impact- we'd love to hear if they've been doing anything at home related to this. After half term, we will be learning more about adventure stories and exploring our text 'King of the Cloud Forests' by Michael Morpurgo in more detail. Our World Book Day experience will be based on this and we will be exploring the exotic far Eastern settings in the book. In maths, we will be focusing on understanding tenths and hundredths, before moving onto recognising these fractions presented in different ways. In topic, children will be further extending their knowledge of the water cycle and understanding the process of condensation and evaporation in this process. In art, children will continue their animal project and print some patterns based on animal markings.

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

**Year 5** This week, Year 5 have published leaflets designed to persuade staff to eat healthily – will they have tempted lots of teachers to whip up a refreshing smoothie or a veg-packed dinner over half term?! In Maths, we have moved on to performing addition and subtraction calculations with fractions. For Children's Mental Health Week, we had a visit from Tanya Stilwell who discussed lots of great ideas to support good mental health habits, including daily exercise, drawing, mindfulness breathing activities, socialising and talking with friends and family. We were very impressed with the great ideas the children shared during the session and will continue to encourage and share these ideas around school. In Art, we have produced some beautiful ink drawings as part of our Line, Light and Shadow mini topic – this was a new medium for lots of children, but they rose to the challenge of creating different tones with diluted ink washes and experimenting with lines and mark making using calligraphy pens.

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

**Year 6** In Maths this week, Year 6 have completed their work linked to percentages by finding whole amounts from a given value. In English, the children have consolidated their understanding of persuasive writing by writing a letter to families in WWII to convince them to host an evacuee. We have also continued our 'Britain at War' learning by looking at the weaponry used during the Second World War. Well done to the children who have been attending the Early Bird Club for the past two weeks; we can already see the positive impact this is having in their learning. We look forward to this continuing next term on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Remember, all children are more than welcome to attend. We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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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](#).

## World Book Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, it is World Book Day and to celebrate this, we are having an entire day dedicated to our love of books. We will spend the day diving into the language of our favourite authors, exploring the magical settings within the books around us and we will be visited by a fantastic storyteller. We would love it if all children could come to school as their favourite story character. There is of course no expectation for these to be of cost and any efforts will be greatly appreciated. We can't wait to see who the children choose to dress as, and we look forward to dressing up alongside of them! Thank you for once again for your ongoing support.



## Read Write Inc

To all families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2,

I just wanted to share with you how extremely pleased we are with the children's progress in their phonics again this term. We assessed the children last week and the vast majority have moved up a group. This is a wonderful achievement. A huge well done to all involved at home and at school.

To continue on this amazing journey, we need your full support in helping the children read and share their books at home daily as well as reminding them to bring their RWI packs on the correct days. They will not be given their next book until their previous one is returned. Please remember that we ask our children to read each book three times to encourage and build confidence and fluency.

We ask that any school books that you may have lying around at home be sent in asap and that you really try to take care of our school books and the packets that the children bring their books home in. I know these packets are quite flimsy but we cannot keep replacing them. If they rip, please fix them with tape.

If your child is at home isolating or you are just keen to help them improve their phonic knowledge, please remember our Goosewell YouTube channel has phonic lessons for all of the RWI group colours. If your child is in the A/B or Ditty group, they would need to look at Red groups films. Ruth Miskin's website is also helpful at explaining how we teach phonics and how we pronounce the sounds accurately.

Don't forget to use our wonderful local library. It's a great place for children to borrow a range of exciting books. Pop along and see what's going on over the half term break. You can always grab a cuppa and a treat whilst you're there!

Thank you for all of your continued support. If you have any RWI queries or concerns, please email me on [kcoombe@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:kcoombe@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) and I will do my best to support you.

Kind regards and best wishes, Mrs K Coombe.



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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	<b>Usman RWH</b> <i>For showing an increased understanding of how to use numbers to solve problems.</i>	<b>Dalton 2MB</b> <i>For great shape learning and accurately counting sides and vertices.</i>	<b>Ethan 4W</b> <i>For his amazing efforts when problem solving this week. It's been tricky but his motivation and perseverance has been excellent! Keep it up.</i>	<b>Lauren 5C</b> <i>Lauren is such a quiet and shy girl but during our fraction block, it has been a pleasure to see her confidence grow and see her volunteering answers and explanations. I hope to see this confidence in other areas of the curriculum.</i>
Writing Award	<b>Isla RWH</b> <i>For super writing in her phonics lessons.</i>	<b>Scarlett 1F</b> <i>For her excellent story writing this week, putting lots of thought in to using adjectives and working independently.</i>	<b>Holly 4G</b> <i>For a careful and considered letter to our School Council, using many persuasive phrases and varied sentence structures. Her passion for the environment is clear and her ideas to protect it were very thoughtful. Well done Holly!</i>	<b>Afia 5C</b> <i>Afia is like a sponge when it comes to writing. She listens carefully to any wish that she is given, along with the use of the model text and success criteria, to write some fantastic outcomes. Her use of vocabulary is effective and she varies her clause structure with ease.</i>
Reading Award	<b>Elijah REH</b> <i>For improved reading and increased confidence with blending.</i>	<b>Finley 2K</b> <i>For reading at home and trying so hard to decode challenging words but most importantly, for enjoying reading! Top man, well done Finn.</i>	<b>Elliot 4L</b> <i>For becoming an Accelerated Reader Millionaire — an outstanding achievement at any time of the year, but we're only halfway through! The sky's the limit!</i>	<b>Cleo 5C</b> <i>Cleo has really shone this week in her reading. She has been enthusiastic about reading in front of the class and demonstrated excellent reading in doing so. She has really grown in confidence and this has shown in her Reading lessons also. I am so proud of you Cleo, a huge well done!</i>

#### Rise To Greatness

This week's Rise to Greatness Award goes to:

#### Isaac in 4G

For being such a thoughtful member of 4G. He notices when others need support and actively gives it. If he is confident in his own understanding, he always offers to help a partner by teaching them how to solve problems themselves without giving them the answers. He is also very generous and always lends stationery to others if they cannot source their own so that the lessons are not interrupted. Thank you for being a kind classmate, Isaac!



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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...

**something that is worrying you.**



## 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 6WS. These and others can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#)

### **Dotty Detective by Clara Vulliamy reviewed by Evelyn 6WS**

This story is set in a school and is about a girl called Dotty who has a dog called McClusky. Her friend, Joe, lost his dog, it ran away. They made a plan to find the dog by getting lots of people to help them, they made a map of the whole school and put up missing posters. They all split up and looked in different places. One friend made a cupcake to make him happy while they searched for the dog. In the end, McClusky was the one that found the missing dog by sniffing it out in the pet's corner. I enjoyed this book because I kind of like mysteries and how to solve things. This story is all about Dotty being a detective which is what I like doing. Also, I found this book the right length to read so that I could find out what happened sooner and there are pictures you can just flick through without reading all of the story. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes dogs and mysteries. The age group I would recommend it to is 7-12 year olds. Under 7's would find it hard to read but perhaps their parents could read it too them.

### **Victorian Adventure by Roderick Hunt reviewed by Max 6WS**

This story is about an adventure with a magic key, the magic key takes them back in time to the Victorians. The main characters in this story are a young boy called Biff, a girl called Chip and their fluffy, loving dog Floppy.

In the story they find a girl. who they thought was a boy because she wore a hat over her short, orange hair and wore trousers. They also met a boy that was friendly with Queen Victoria's grandson. They sneak into the palace and play basketball but get caught by Queen Victoria's maids. Luckily, their grandma was also in the adventure and was friends with the queen. She tells her that the children were good kids so the queen released them and they got to play with the queen's grandchildren.

I like this book, it had many turns in the story when you did not expect it. I would recommend this story to Year 2 to Year 4 because the text is easier to read than some of the Year 5/6 books. Also, you get to see parts of history in a fun way.





## Eat Them to Defeat Them

Each week, from Monday 7th March until Monday 28th March, school dinners will feature a meal using the vegetable of the week, as part of the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign. Look out for the changes to the school dinner menus on selected days to try a new and tasty vegetable meal!

**CATER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TAMAR PEAS, TILDA PEEK AND KRAFT MINTZ ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...**

**EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM**

**MONDAY 28TH FEB**  
**CARROTS!**  
Choice 2 Monday (vegan hot dog) is replaced with a homemade Heinz bean burger served on a soft roll with a slice of tomato, lettuce and mayo sides of wedges, carrots and peas.

**MONDAY 7TH MARCH**  
**PEPPERS!**  
Choice 2 Tuesday (veggie burger) is replaced with a homemade stuffed pepper served with wedges and seasonal veg.

**MONDAY 14TH MARCH**  
**BROCCOLI!**  
Choice 2 Tuesday (vegetable moussaka) is replaced with a Broccoli stir fry served with sweetcorn and carrots.

**MONDAY 21ST MARCH**  
**TOMATOES!**  
Choice 2 Monday (vegan hot dog) is replaced with a homemade Heinz bean burger served on a soft roll with a slice of tomato, lettuce and vegan mayo sides of wedges, carrots and peas.

**MONDAY 28TH MARCH**  
**PEAS!**  
Choice 2 Tuesday (veggie burger) is replaced with a homemade pea risotto and served with seasonal veg.

**#PREPAREFORBATTLE**

## Dates for your diary

Friday 18th February 2022:	Last day of Term 3
Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022 :	Term break
Monday 28th February 2022:	Inset Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 1st March 2022:	Term 4 starts
Thursday 3rd March 2022:	World Book Day
Friday 8th April 2022:	Last day of Term 4
Monday 11th - Friday 22nd April 2022:	Easter break



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