

Rise To Greatness

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

**Reception** It has been a super first week back and the children have returned happy, settled and raring to go. We have been pleased to see that skills and learning acquired last term have really been embedded and the children are applying themselves admirably in all learning opportunities. This week your children have been working in their Read Write Inc groups. These are a little more structured with writing opportunities extended to include word writing and reading. We are hoping that you will be very impressed as we are really focusing on 'Fred talking' to be able to segment sounds in words, blending the sounds to say or read a word and then recalling the letters to be able to write the word. Lots to think about and the children will no doubt have steam coming out of their ears as they use all that brain power! Our text for next week will be the story of 'Here comes Jack Frost' by Kazuno Kahara. The story is about a little boy whose animal friends are all hibernating and who meets and makes friends with Jack Frost and learns how beautiful and enchanting Winter can be. The children will be generating a list of words to describe Winter and then using these to build simple similes such as, 'as dark as night' or 'as cosy as my slippers'. They will create snowflakes in a range of ways using cutting skills and exploring shape and symmetry. They will learn how to make a 'slot joint' in junk modelling and then use these to print on a wintery collage. In Maths, children will build on consolidating their understanding of numbers to 5, subitising and creating simple arrays to make different totals. Please keep checking TAPESTRY to get a sense of how your little ones learn and what their experiences are and for advice and tips on how you can support their learning at home. We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Year 1 We have well and truly landed on 'Dinosaur Planet' this week! It has been a fantastic week exploring fizzing dinosaur eggs, freeing dinosaurs from the ice, digging up fossils and replicating dinosaur skeletons. Next week we will be measuring dinosaur footprints and trying to draw life size outlines of different dinosaurs. Please have a look at the home learning topic ideas that have been sent home, we are really hoping everyone can have a go at, at least one of the ideas and post a photo on teams for us to share with the class. We have started looking at a new story this week in our English sessions - Where the Wild Things Are. We have been emerging ourselves in the story, learning it using story making actions, role play, ordering pictures and drawing story maps. Next week we will be attempting to write the whole story! In maths we have continued our addition and subtraction work. We have been working on creating maths stories to match a number sentence, using counting on and back mentally and using the part part whole model. Next week will see the last of our addition and subtraction work for this term. Please remember to bring reading packets and drink bottles to school every day. Have a great weekend!











## More year group news...

**Year 2** We have had a super first week back enjoying the start of our Magnificent Monarchs topic. This week, we have been developing our historical skills finding out about kings and queens and how much power they had. We will continue this next week where we will be thinking about the different royal castles and palaces. This also links to our English learning as we will be beginning to create our own version of Katie in London where Katie visits a different royal residence. In our Maths lessons, we will be continuing our addition and subtraction learning thinking about related facts- using facts we know e.g. 4 + 6 = 10 to help us solve other calculations such as 40 + 60 = ?. We have enjoyed our first week with our specialist cricket teacher who will be teaching us cricket skills as part of our PE learning this term. Please be reminded that on the Thursday 11th November we will not be having PE due to school photographs. We would like to say a big well done to all those children who are moving up through our reading rainbow. Most children have completed 25 reads and some are nearing 100! Well done Year 2 for your super reading and thank you parents for supporting this at home.

**Year 3** Firstly, we would like to say a big WELL DONE to the children who took part in the multi-skills event at Coombe Dean. The staff were very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the children. Next week looks like another busy one...in Maths we move from adding and subtracting 1s to and from a 3-digit number to +/- 10s from a 3-digit number. In Reading, we will continue exploring 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy' by Oliver Jeffers. In Writing, we will be exploring figurative language and we will begin to plan and innovate a new character for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In Science, we will be investigating seed dispersal. And finally, for our topic learning, we will be tasting a range of foods from sweet to sour and salty. We will then design a healthy packed lunch box.

Year 4 What a start to term 2! This week we have welcomed a Geologist from the University of Plymouth and studied the rocks in our local area, earning ourselves Junior Geologist awards! Next week we will be developing our understanding of rocks further by carrying out an investigation into the properties of rocks, closely examining the features of each kind. In maths, we will continue to use the column method to subtract, moving to exchanging across columns and solving problems involving these calculations. On Tuesday (Please note that games has changed from Thursday to Tuesday this week so kit will be required on Tuesday instead), we will again be welcoming Jonny Varcoe, our cricket coach, into school to continue building on the skills we learnt about this week. In literacy we will be innovating the text 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and completing a class plan and story based on this idea. Our grammar and punctuation foci will be all about making our stories as interesting as possible for our readers: improving our vocabulary choices, using fronted adverbials and including speech. Our drumming sessions will continue to build on our knowledge of call and response patterns and move to producing some tricky off-beat rhythms!











#### More year group news...

Year 5 Term 2 has got off to an exciting start in Year 5 as we 'launched' into our new topic for this term — Stargazers. Having a visit from the Explorer Dome on Monday was certainly a great way to welcome the children back after the term break. After crawling inside the dome, the children enjoyed a knowledge rich show about our solar system. They really were mesmerised by the images of the planets, constellations and stars and particularly liked trying to keep their eyes on the north star whilst the stars were spinning at speed! In our first topic session, we created mnemonics to help us remember the order of the planets. Can your child tell you theirs? In English, we have been reading an abridged version of our model text 'The Jamie Drake Equation' and we will be writing our own science fiction stories throughout the next three weeks. In our Reading sessions, we have been using thesauruses to develop vocabulary linked to our current text 'The Way Back Home'. In Maths, we have started a new block on Multiplication and Division. If your child finds it difficult to recall multiplication facts at speed, please encourage them to use Times Table rock stars and support them by asking them quick-fire questions. We were really pleased with the time and effort that had been put into the Pharaohs home learning tasks and would like to thank you for your support. We are looking forward to seeing your children progressing further throughout this term.

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been introduced to their exciting new topic - Frozen Kingdoms! They have learned about the longitude and latitude of the Earth in geography and have enjoyed learning about the Arctic and Antarctica from a rea-life polar explorer, Antony Jinman! The children were mesmerised by a fascinating presentation about Antony's Antarctic mission before making gloopy glaciers and investigating the effectiveness of blubber gloves which they made from lard! The day was rounded off by an opportunity to ask questions. Antony's incredible stories about the highlights and hardships experienced in these extreme environments are prime examples of how Goosewell's learning dispositions (persevering, being independent, taking risks and welcoming challenge) are relevant not just in school but in life. Antony explained how he'd made his hobby his career and the children were interested to learn that he went Wembury Primary and then to Plymstock and Coombe Dean. Just think...Twenty years from now, our Year 6 children could be visiting schools with tales of their own amazing adventures! What a great way to start our 'Frozen Kingdoms' topic. During PSHE, the focus has been on discussing the concept of 'normal' and encouraging acceptance of all. In English, they have explored the features of non-chronological reports in preparation for writing their own on polar animals next week. In maths, Year 6 finished their learning block on the four operations focusing on the rule of BIDMAS. 'The Journey Home' is our current reading text and the children have made predictions, completed empathy tasks and retrieved facts. New My Maths homework has been set; please find the link on Teams.











# 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 <u>Worry Box</u> 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 <u>PSA</u> to keep informed of all the most recent updates from <u>Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND</u> and <u>Routeways</u>. Please see details below of Plymstock Chapel's Messy Church activities, if you are interested in attending, please contact <u>zoe.lavers@aggies.org.uk</u> to book a place.



#### **Medical Tracker**

As reported in our previous newsletter, we will be implementing a new electronic system to record all our medical and first aid activities. Medical Tracker will now go live on **15th November 2021**. Medical Tracker will allow us to ensure all incidents, medication and medical conditions are managed more efficiently. Like any new system, it will take a little while to embed the service completely, so please bear with us.

#### What will change

First Aid incidents will be recorded electronically. You will receive a notification email alert once first aid has been administered at the time of the incident. This will replace the letter your child would normally give you at the end of the school day. No further action is required.

A direct phone call will be made by a member of staff to a priority contact for any injuries that may require additional medical treatment or closely monitoring.

#### Medication administered at school.

A Medicine Form is still required. All medication will be recorded on the system and once the medication is administered an email alert will be sent. As you are aware all medication requires a dispensing label displaying all required details such as the name of the medication, medical condition, dispensing and expiry date.

Your cooperation will be appreciated as we implement this new system.











# This week's highlights & reminders:

# School Photographs

A reminder that Jelly Images, our school photographer will be here on 11th & 12th November for individual photos and Goosewell sibling photos if you have requested them via the electronic form which will be emailed home prior to the photos next week. If your Year 2 child is due to have PE/Games on Thursday, please can they wear their school uniform instead of their PE/Games kits as there will be no PE lessons that day. If your child is in Year 4, please can they wear their PE/Games kit to school on Tuesday, as their lesson has been changed. They will need to wear their school uniform on Thursday please. Don't forget to bring your best smiles and brushed hair on Thursday and Friday!

## MKC Remembrance Fundraising Opportunity - Plymouth City Centre

Dear MKC (Military Kids Club) Heroes,

We will be collecting in the city centre again this year on Poppy Saturday the 13th November.

Should any MKCH members wish to help this year's collection, we would be delighted to see them and their guardian between 0930 and 1700, even if it's just for an hour.

I will have enough individual boxes made up for each child so that I can let them know individually how much they raise.

If your MKC Child is interested in helping out, please contact Bill Jennings, the Royal British Legion Plymouth City Branch Secretary on the details below:

Bill Jennings Secretary Plymouth City Branch 07941 664267 PlymouthCity.Secretary@rbl.community

# FROGS (formerly Goosewell PTA) Christmas Card Fundraising

This year, FROGS have teamed up with local business "Imattination" to bring you a range of Christmas themed products all designed by your child at Goosewell!

Over the next few weeks the children will be designing their own Christmas cards in school. This design will then be sent home for you to order on line from the comfort of your sofa, and what's more you'll be raising money for the school at the same time.

But that's not all. They don't just make Christmas cards, your child's design can also be made into wrapping paper, gift labels, mugs, note books and tote bags, making them perfect gifts for all your family and friends.

# Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

Goosewell Primary Academy is proud to be supporting the Royal British Legion's #PoppyAppeal again this year



Poppies & merchandise will be available in classrooms daily until Remembrance Day next week, with a suggested minimum donation of 50p for poppies & 50p-£1.50 for merchandise.

As ever, thank you for your support.













## **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:

Maths Award

Reception Leo RWH

For an enthusiastic approach in showing different ways to make a repeated pattern

Key Stage 1

Darcie 2MB For amazing mental addition and subtraction to complete fact families with missing numbers.

Lower Key Stage 2

Imogen 30C For taking a risk using her new maths skills - she now loves adding subtracting!

Upper Key Stage 2

Georgia 5KR Despite finding maths a real challenge (and not her favourite subject) I've been seriously impressed with Georgia Walters' effort and perseverance in our new block on multiplication this week. It's made my day to see her fabulous smile when she realises how much progress she's made at the end of each of our maths lessons this week!

Writing Award

**Rex REH** For practising letter formation at home with enthusiasm and drive.

Ephraim 2K

For constantly giving 100% in all he does. A fanstastic story map this week with great detail.

Ethan 4G

For demonstrating a positive attitude by completing a very careful and detailed story map of the Firework Maker's daughter (and choosing great ownership by staying in to finish it too!)

Betsy 5N Betsy has fully immersed herself in the story telling of The Jamie Drake Equation, creating very well thought out actions to remember the story and has learned the story really well which will help her next week when she comes to write her own version.

**Reading Award** 

Jax REH For retelling the story of Fantastic phonics work and 'Funnybones' with accuracy.

Lavton 1T

amazing story telling of Where The Wild Things Are.

Tommy 3Y

For consistent hard work in Reading AR quizzes.

Afia 5C

Afia's reading age has increased by 21 months since she entered Year 5. Her ZPD has increased and Afia's current word count is 255, 711 having passed 15 out of 16 questions taken so far this year.

This week's **Rise to Greatness Award** goes to:

Emily - 4L

Well done to Emily in 4L who has taken on the responsibility of litter picking each day on daily walks with her family. She has also spoken to friends to encourage them to litter pick whenever they are out and about and would love to start a group to encourage children to get involved with "cleaning up the community".

Well done Emily, we are all very proud of you.













# **Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy**

#### **Oracy**

Good oracy skills can help children in every subject that they learn in school. It enables them to express their thoughts and opinions about what they are learning and interact with others thoughtfully and productively. Communicating effectively also means that children will be able to express themselves when they do not understand something or perhaps need a little more support with a specific topic. With good oracy skills, they can reach out and explain what they are thinking and what they need help with. 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.

Would you rather be a giant towering above everyone else for a week or a tiny person, no bigger than an earbud? Why?















# **Literacy at Goosewell Primary Academy**

#### **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. Here are some reviews for this week written by children in 6WS.

#### 104-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths recommended by Henry 6WS

<u>Characters</u> I love this book because the characters are cool each in a different way; I like Andy because he is the sensible one and always tries to get the thing he needs to do done. I like Jill because she cares for animals or anything that lives - she does anything for animals, she even has a house full of them. I like Terry because he is the funny one and is very stupid; he also has a wide imagination, which spreads into the tree house. I'd say his stupidest idea was washing his under pants in the shark tank!

<u>Book</u> I like this book for many different reasons: it has a lot of adventure problems and lots of fantasy places to make you wonder what the next book is about. I like the level with the man-eating sharks because they have been there from the start. Also, I like the fact that there is a joke on every single page, which for some people make them laugh. The thing that drew me to the story tree house books

was the bright colours and the cartoon pictures on the front page. I was a bit disappointed that they didn't carry on the colour but other than that this book is great.





My book review is about David Walliams's Slime. I found it very imaginatively funny and it showed how children are able to stand up for themselves even is they have a disability.

The story is about a little boy called Ned, who gets revenge on all the horrible adults on The Isle of Mulch, which is full of horrible adults. The Isle of Mulch is owned by Ned's horrible aunt Greta Greed, who has 101 cats all called Tibbles!

Ned lives in a little worn out cottage on the cliffs with his mum, dad and older sister Jemima, who is intent on making his life complete misery. His mother runs and fish stall in the market and his dad is a fisherman.

David Walliams is a creative mastermind and I have read nearly all of his books. They are all very funny and creative. I would recommend Slime to anyone who wants a laugh.

# David Walliams SLIME A Fanastically Funy Tale illustrated by Tony Ross

#### Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by JK Rowling recommended by Leilani

It is the fourth book in the Harry Potter series. Every character is enjoyable to read about and you will never find yourself getting bored. I get sucked into the world of Hogwarts every time I read it! I love the action and suspense in this story because you never know what will happen next – there is always a twist around the corner!

I have three favourite characters; Hermione Granger because she is a lot like myself; Ron Weasley because he is very funny; and Harry Potter himself because he is The Chosen One. My absolutely least favourite character is Dolores Umbridge because she is so mean and evil.

I would recommend this book for children who like adventures.











#### CaterEd Winter Menu 2021

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We will be having a Mexican Themed Lunch on 9th November. The menu on this day will be:

Chicken Enchilladas/ Vegetable Burritos Served with Savoury Rice and Corn on the Cob. Jacket potato and Light choice as normal. Puddings will be Chocloate and orange Muffins / Fruit or Yogurt



Jacket Potato choice each day: Tuna, Cheese or Beans Lighter Choice: Mon – Tuna sandwich, Tues – Ham wrap, Wed – Cheese sandwich, Thurs – Tuna wrap, Fri – Ham sandwich



At CATER®, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesomel Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingredients were also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our

- Locally caught and landed Poliock Free range eggs (Including in our mayonnaise) Westcountry milk Local 'Made for Us' yoghurts Organic herbs No fried food

- Fairtrade sugar Organic wholemeal flour Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

For more information about school our pages at www.catered.org.uk

So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing! 1752-307410. If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals ncluding a drink currently costs £2.20.

Food Standards for school lunches came in to effect on 01 January 2015 – details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/









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