

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

**Reception** As we return to learning after half-term, whether it is in school or at home, we will start by consolidating our exploration of 'Mrs Armitage on wheels' by Quentin Blake. The children will be invited to create a non-fiction information page about a vehicle of their choice and further exploration of wheels, forces and movement will accompany the regular 'RWI' phonics and 'White Rose' based maths input. Our theme for term 6 will then be 'Summer and change' as we explore the features and events of the season, comparing it to the other seasons and we acknowledge the fact that term 6 always heralds the children considering the next phase of their learning and a new year group. As always, a range of wonderful texts will underpin our learning to inspire and motivate your children. These will include, 'the Rainbow Fish', 'Sally and the Limpet' and 'Dear Teacher'. PSED will feature heavily as the children are encouraged to embrace a 'growth mindset' and celebrate their individuality as well as to approach change in a positive way. It has been a strange couple of months but made all the easier by your continued support and enthusiasm for the home learning that we have provided. Have a lovely half-term week. Be alert but more importantly, be happy!

**Year 1** Thank you all for the support that you have shown towards the home learning that we have provided. We have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment that you have shown to supporting your children during these challenging times. As we move into term 6, we say 'Ahoy me hearties!' to all our young shipmates! We are sticking to a beach theme but with a 'pirate' spin this time with our new topic 'Land Ahoy!' We have many exciting activities planned. In Literacy, we will be looking at writing diaries, messages in a bottle, postcards, directions, treasure maps, pirate poetry and stories. In Maths – We will have a focus on basic skills and place value within 100 to start the term. We will also be covering time and money. Living so near to the sea, we are particularly excited to be learning all about boats, life at sea and some famous sea explorers. "Shiver me timbers, we are going to be busy!"

**Year 2** Firstly we would like to thank you all for your continued fantastic learning and flexibility during this strange time. We have loved seeing your drawings, photos, home baking and home learning over the last few weeks. Please continue to use Teams and email to stay in touch with your child's teacher. Next term our topic is Land Ahoy! We will be learning about pirates and explorers from the past. The English learning will focus on pirate descriptions, treasure maps and diary writing. In Maths we will be looking at position and movement and revisiting number skills taught in the Autumn term. There will be a weekly art lesson based on pirates and history sessions looking briefly at the life of Captain Cook and the Mayflower voyage. We will also plan a few PSHE sessions to look at relaxation and feelings experienced during the lockdown. We are planning a pirate party finale at the end of the term which will involve cooking a ship's biscuit and other pirate activities. We so look forward to learning about pirates with you next term.



## More year group news...

**Year 3** We have been so pleased and proud of the children in Year 3 and the contact and work we have had from them on Microsoft Teams has been wonderful to see - thank you. As we move into Term 6, we will be exploring our new topic of 'Gods and Mortals'. In Reading, we will share several Greek Myths and in Writing, create our own characters and myth. In History, we will find out how the Ancient Greeks lived including sports they participated in at the Olympic Games. In Maths we will be exploring 'Time' - how to tell the time and working out durations. The children will get really creative in Art and DT by investigating and creating 3-D sculptures.

**Year 4** Wow Year 4, you have completed one whole term of online learning and we have been so impressed by how well you have all persevered and continued to challenge yourselves in your learning! This term, buckle up, grab your suitcase and prepare to take a road trip across the US of A! We are going to take a tour across the states and look at the highlights of different cities along the way. We will look at what America has to offer and consider where we will go on our road trip and plan a holiday away. I wonder what we will find in the 'Big Apple', New York City or the colourful streets of New Orleans. Throughout this term and our road trip, we will write postcards and create a recount of a famous American. What famous Americans have you heard of? Could it be a past President of the United States or a cowboy riding the plains of Texas? After we have travelled the States as we would see them today, we will take a trip to the past. We will be learning about the legends of the Native American Indians, where we will consider how we can capture their spiritual lives in poetry. We will consider what we might see if we visited a Native American tribe as Christopher Columbus did in 1492. In some cultures, artwork has been used to express ideas of storytelling, religion and other beliefs. We will express some of our own ideas as we create dream catchers and consider weaving and totem poles. Get ready Year 4, we are in for one exciting adventure!

**Year 5** Well done to all Year 5 children and their families for successfully completing a whole term of home learning! You should feel incredibly proud of how you have all adapted to learning from home and we hope that you are proud of your Home Learning Books – they will be great to keep in memory boxes to look at in years to come. No doubt, you are all looking forward to your well-deserved half term break. When we return in Term 6, we will have a new topic called 'Off With Her Head'. This topic is history based as it links to the Tudors – which we know many of you have been looking forward to. Throughout this topic, you will learn about Henry VIII and his wives, a German artist named Hans Holbein and what life was like in Henry's home at Hampton Court Palace. Our Reading and English lessons will link to the topic and we will be reading an abridged version of a story called First Blood: Book 1 Spy Master by Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler – you may want to download it to a kindle to be able to read the full story. We hope that you all have a well-earned rest during the term break and that you have some time to continue to create some special memories as a family. Stay safe.

**Year 6** This week, Year 6 have completed some fantastic example of poems linked to a journey theme. We have seen some lovely poems about their journeys through their primary school years. Well done Year 6. They have taken on the challenge of solving some mathematical puzzles during their maths lessons and they have designed some creative Mayan gods during their topic learning. Next term, we will move on to our final topic 'Gallery Rebels' where colours will collide. The children will be immersed in various art forms and find out about the eccentric minds of some gallery rebels. They will be challenged to express themselves without words. Get your paintbrushes and sketchbooks at the ready, Year 6 - let's make art!



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## This week's highlights & reminders:

### Parent Support Advisor - Jo Penk

During this unsettled period, Jo continues to provide vital support to our Goosewell families. She is available each morning from Monday-Thursday and can be contacted via [jopenkpsa@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:jopenkpsa@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) or via the School Office on [admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) where a message may be left for her and she will do her best to get back to you. Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on ideas, support and activities for families throughout this challenging period. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates.

### Mayflower 400

Mayflower 400 launches new 'My Mayflower' featuring Mayflower II footage in the first of two new digital series'

Mayflower400 is bringing on stream two new digital series of online programmes in the build-up to the 400 year anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower on 16 September 2020. 'My Mayflower' and 'Virtual Voyages' will cover different elements of the Mayflower story around personal and destination links into this piece of history. Featuring historic on water footage from UK and US destinations, the first in the *My Mayflower* series will transport viewers on a past and present digital journey across the Atlantic.

Watch the story of the Mayflower II on the Mayflower 400 UK digital channels on Saturday, May 23 at 5pm (UK time) - the first in a series of videos entitled *My Mayflower*.

Go to <http://mayflower400uk.org/my-mayflower> or [click here](#) for more information and to watch.



### Devon Virtual Games

With more sunshine to come this weekend what better way to stay active outdoors than with the [#DevonVirtualGames](#) Walk/Jog/Run Challenge. #teamgoosewell, we need you to clock up some miles with your family and over half term too and share your challenges with your teacher via MS Teams. Here's how to do it: <https://bit.ly/36kxukw>



### No Mow May - make a Scaremow!

Due to COVID-19 Plymouth City Council have significantly reduced the amount of mowing across the city. Due to this reduction in mowing and no doubt the decrease in traffic, we are starting to see increases in wildflowers and wildlife across the city. PCC are supporting the National Trust *No Mow May* campaign, and are encouraging families to also stop mowing the grass if they have gardens, and to help children to spot nature all around them. The Environmental Planning Team have organised a 'Make a Scaremow' competition – an ideal activity for children at home at this time! **How to make a Scaremow?** You can make them any size you like and place them outside on a grass verge or in your garden. Take a photo of your finished Scaremow in its location with its plaque and; · Either email them to Plymouth City Council at [Wildlife@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:Wildlife@plymouth.gov.uk) or send via our social media - @NaturePlymouth using the #nomowmay #scaremow #plymouthwildflowers hashtags. Each week we want to see an update from your scaremow to see how it is getting on and how the wildflowers are looking. We look forward to seeing your finished Scaremows and watching them keep the mowers at bay. Thank you.

Here are some links to help you get started: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts/how-to-make-a-scaremow/>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2\\_mmqorFbDQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_mmqorFbDQ)



### A message from The Gosling Trust

Staff at the Gosling Trust have been continuing to provide Breakfast and After School Club care to the children of Key workers attending the school. Going forward from 1<sup>st</sup> June our numbers will still have to be limited so that we can run in line with social distancing. This means we will have to admit children on a first come first served basis. Any bookings will need to be made through the Eduspot system unless using childcare vouchers. Please email us on [thegoslingtrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:thegoslingtrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) as soon as possible if you need to book your children in. Keep safe.



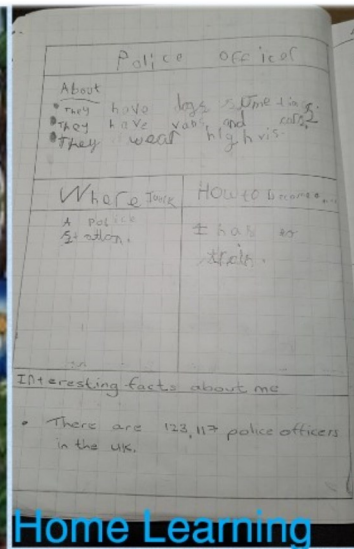
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## This week's amazing home learning:



## Year 1 Home Learning



## Year 2 Home Learning





## More of this week's amazing home learning:



Year 5 3D Model Project  
- Bread Art

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## And finally.....

Remember Bonnie, our lovely school dog who lives with Mrs Soper? Well, last weekend, beautiful Bonnie became a mummy to 9 - yes NINE - precious little puppies. Although Bonnie is feeling a little tired this week, Mrs Soper says that she is a wonderful mummy already.



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