

This week's year group news...

Reception Next week's text is Dear Teacher by Amy Husband. Michael is nervous about his first day in a new class and his imagination takes him on a range of adventures to avoid going to school. We will be joining Michael on some of his adventures as we read one of his letters each day together. In Literacy we will be playing games to help us remember the tricky words that cannot be sounded out using 'Fred talk'. In Maths we will be looking at coins and exploring missing number problems. We are really impressed with how well you are all doing with your Thursday number challenges! Look out on Tapestry as we join Michael for secret writing, pyramids, crocodiles and more!

Year 1 Fantastic learning this week Year 1, well done. Next week we will be using bossy verbs to write instructions on how to make a pirate hat. The maths learning next week is telling the time using o'clock and half past. There will be a spelling and handwriting session and daily phonics. The topic sessions for next week are fun, practical lessons looking at how to make a boat that floats, have a look at home for a plastic bottle, any corks or sponges this weekend, these resources will be useful for these sessions. We also have a lesson about keeping safe when in the sea and visiting the beach. Please keep in touch via email or Teams.

Year 2 Shiver me timbers Year 2, thank you for all your fantastic sea shanties this week. Next week in maths we will be revisiting multiplication and division. In our writing we will be using bossy verbs to write instructions on how to make a pirate hat. The spelling session looks at words ending in 'tion'. There will be a lesson looking at how to stay safe when swimming in the sea and visiting the beach. Our topic learning next week is all about boats and how to make a boat that floats. It would be great if you can look out for a plastic bottle, any corks or sponges this weekend, these resources will help you when creating your own boats. Thank you for sharing your learning with your teachers.



More year group news...

Year 3 We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing your super ideas for your own version of Hercules this week and look forward to next week when you will draft your story using all the ideas that you have been thinking about over the last few weeks. In our Maths learning we will begin our learning on the Properties of Shapes and will be thinking about turns and angles. We will also be completing an arithmetic lesson. Our reading lessons will continue to explore the themes within the story of 'The Normal Pig'. Having now covered all the Year 3 spelling objectives we will be focussing on the words included on the Year 3/4 spelling list which practice these patterns and we will look at fronted adverbials in our SPaG sessions. During this week we will be holding our parents evenings over the phone. We are very much looking forward to hearing how everyone has been getting on.

Year 4 We continue to be amazed by your fantastic American feasts - there have been lots of yummy cheesecakes made this week. Next week in our topic learning we will look at the Iroquois tribe and we will be making leaflets about them. We have been really pleased with the effort and enthusiasm you are showing with your myths learning- we have seen some fantastic examples of story boards and some interesting family trees. During our English lessons next week we will complete our learning on Hercules and will be writing our own versions of the story based on the planning that we have completed this week. In our Maths lessons, we will begin to look at position and direction and using co-ordinates to describe the position of objects on a grid. We look forward to catching up with everyone during our parents evening phone calls this week so please take the time to look at the questions which we will discuss during the call.

Year 5 The children in Year 5 continue to learn about life in Tudor times through music and dance. In the following sessions, they will learn more about the tyrant, Henry VIII and life at court. In reading, they will continue to find out about Henry's six wives and answer a range of comprehension questions. There will also be a focused SPaG lesson. In maths, we have been calculating angles around a point, on a straight line and in shapes. In future lessons, we will be considering the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Finally, Year 5 continue to read the historical story, 'Spy Master, First Blood' and will use this to inspire their own story writing. Keep up the hard work and don't forget to post your great learning on Teams!

Year 6 This week, Year 6 continued their Gallery Rebels topic and created art work inspired by the local artist, Brian Pollard. They will also produce their own visual interpretation of a story extract and learn more about the Impressionist Movement in future lessons. In reading, they have completed work on the beautiful storybook 'Tuesday' and will be moving onto literature about road safety. In maths, the children have continued to apply their knowledge and skills in a theme park design activity and daily challenges. In the remaining weeks, the children will be encouraged to take ownership of their own learning and revise key areas that they identify. This is good preparation for Secondary School. Finally, in English, the children will be researching the topic of electricity and producing a non-chronological report. Keep up the hard work!



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 or via the School Office on 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. Don't forget that your children can 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.

Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Routeways](#).

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, Plymouth Parent Carer Voice [PPCV] and Plymouth City Council SEND Service are working together to understand and better support the experiences of families who have children with special educational needs. Therefore, they would be very grateful if you would respond to a short questionnaire, which focuses on you and your child's experience of primary or secondary teaching and learning during lockdown, and provides an opportunity to tell us how these events impact your family. Link to questionnaire:

[SEND Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) questionnaire](#)

Reception 2020

We are very much looking forward to meeting our new Reception 2020 pupils in September, and over the next couple of weeks they will be having socially distanced time with their new teachers. As we have been unable to welcome the new families into school for a 'Welcome to Goosewell' meeting during these uncertain times, last week we launched a YouTube video instead to introduce our wonderful Reception team to our new families. Please free to take a look at the video [here](#)

School Uniform Shop - Mapac

As communicated to all families last month, the new Goosewell Primary Academy uniform will be introduced from September 2020 should you need to renew any of your child's uniform, with the intention that all children will wear the new style uniform from September 2021. The new uniform is now available to purchase from our suppliers, Mapac. Delivery to your home/work address takes approximately 10 working days, but please be aware that this is likely to increase during the busy summer period. In order to ensure delivery prior to the start of the September term, particularly if your child is due to start with us in September, **the last date to receive your order before the start of term, is 3rd August 2020.** You are encouraged to register with Mapac to take advantage of special offers and communications.

Please click on the link below for Mapac, or alternatively visit the Uniform section of the Goosewell Primary Academy website:

[Mapac School Uniform Supplier](#)



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Well done Noah!

Last month we reported that during the lockdown period, Noah had reached 37 miles of his 50 miles in 50 days target to raise funds for Cancer Research who are currently supporting his Grandad. We are delighted to report that Noah recently completed his challenge, exceeding his target and raising a fantastic £500 for this special charity. Grandad is doing well and has even been inspired by Noah to take up a spot of running. Well done on your fantastic achievement Noah, we are all so very proud of you!



Accelerated Reader Millionaire

Well done to Ruby 5T for becoming our latest Accelerated Reader Millionaire, reading a total of 1, 031, 735 words already!

Plymouth Armed Forces Day and Plymouth Veterans & Family Hub Design Competition

Congratulations to Sophie 6S who won the Plymouth Armed Forces Day competition to design a new logo for the Plymouth Veterans and Family Hub. A super design Sophie, well done.



This week's amazing home and school learning:

Reception Home & School Learning



Year 2 Home & School Learning

