



## Year Group News

**Reception** As we are venturing into pastures new and learning from home in the coming weeks, we have made an effort to keep routines as recognisable as possible for our little ones. Therefore, there will be daily phonics sessions (these take place for 45 minutes every morning in school) as well as quick Maths (these take place every afternoon for 40 minutes) available on our YouTube channel. Alongside this, there will be topical activity linked to 'Summer' and our programme of focus texts. 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle will form the focus for the next two weeks including craft activity, science and movement. Alongside this, we plan to keep communication flowing via TAPESTRY, where we will be leaving messages, challenges and ideas which we know will appeal to the children and to you. Best wishes and warm thoughts to each and every one of you.

**Year 1** In Year 1 we will be continuing to use our story 'Sally and the Limpet'. We will be looking at writing a recount of Sally's trip to the beach. In Maths we will be looking at measuring, comparing lengths of everyday objects and using different objects to measure. As unfortunately our trip to the beach has had to be postponed, we would love it if you could find the time to go yourself to have a look at the rock pools. Or use google earth to have a look around and research some rock pool animals. Please keep sharing stories together, practice your spelling when you can and enjoy some time together.

**Year 2** This week we will be beginning our Home Learning, when children will be able to access their reading, writing and maths lessons via Goosewell's YouTube channel. We will be completing our letter writing unit by writing a letter, as 'Snail' from 'The Snail and The Whale' by Julia Donaldson. The children will need to write a persuasive informal letter to convince people to look after our environment better, in particular, with regards to ocean pollution. We will also be completing our reading unit using 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson. The 3 sessions are also available via YouTube. In Maths, Mrs Boalch has uploaded her video on Fractions where children will be revising finding a  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and a  $\frac{1}{3}$  of shapes and amounts. Finally, the SATs Buster booklets are not to be used until after the Easter holiday when daily YouTube videos will be explaining which reading and maths activities your children will need to complete. All the Year 2 team of Teachers and Teaching Assistants hope that all their children are keeping safe and taking good care of themselves.

**Year 3** We have had a very interesting and different week this week. However, we have begun to look at the text 'The Rascally Cake' in our English lessons and we have enjoyed the humorous nature of the poem. Next week, within your home learning Mrs Milford will be helping you to begin writing your own version of the poem. Our reading lessons (which will also be on YouTube) will be based around 'Green Eggs and Ham' by Dr Seuss. Our measures learning will also continue next week where we will be thinking about converting measures and adding lengths in preparation for calculating perimeter. We hope to keep in contact with many of you via Microsoft Teams.

**Year 4** During the first week of home learning, children in Year 4 will be planning their very own calligrams. The calligram will be created to contain your own mountain poem as well as a unique design which will be colourful and engaging to really grab the attention of the reader! In Maths, you will continue to work on decimal numbers by looking at tenths and dividing 2-digit numbers by 10. The lessons will progress to recognising hundredths and understanding their positions on a place value grid. The children will then be asked to divide 1- and 2-digit numbers by 100. If there is time, why not challenge yourselves - choose one of the World's highest mountains and create a PowerPoint presentation all about it to share with your classmates. Don't forget to include lots of interesting images and information!

**Year 5** We are so proud of the children's response and understanding about not being able to participate in swimming lessons last week and as parents, you should feel proud of this too! In English, we have been reading poems, which link to our Allotment topic, and the children have been justifying their opinions of the poems using evidence from the text to support their views. We have then worked on a class performance of a poem, which we shared as a year group via video link. In Maths, we have been subtracting fractions using a range of visual representations to help us see and understand the calculation.

**Year 6** Next week, we will begin our home learning journey. The daily maths lessons will be uploaded to our YouTube channel where the children will be learning about area and perimeter and how to use formula to calculate these. This will involve finding the areas of triangles and parallelograms. The daily English lessons, also uploaded to the YouTube channel, will involve the children writing an independent story focusing on their use of description. We will also upload our next topic lesson related to our 'Blood Heart' learning. In this lesson, the children will explain and understand why exercise is important for their health. We are looking forward to the children using Microsoft Teams to share their learning with us. They can take photos of their work and post it on Microsoft Teams so their classmates and teachers can see what they have achieved.

**This week's Virtue:**

**Unity.....the quality or state of being made one.**

**Special congratulations** to Mrs Baldwin and her husband (Mr Baldwin, who many of you know) on the recent safe arrival of their precious baby daughter, baby Florrie. We send them all our very best wishes and say a very big and warm 'welcome to the world little Florrie'.



**Well done** to Timo 5C who recently won 3rd prize for his poem in a Reach South Academy Trust poetry competition. Here's Timo's prizewinning poem...

**Life at School**

Hello! Hello! School has begun,  
Hello! Hello! Isn't it fun?  
Play with your friends and say "Hello",  
Be kind to each other – "Mind how you go!"

Next thing to do is have some fun,  
Be careful in the corridors, and "Don't you run!"  
School starts really early, but that's no harm,  
Try hard in lessons and be sure to keep calm.

Next is some maths, writing and reading,  
"Keep it up – it's nearly time for feeding".  
Then it's lunch time – time for special food,  
Food that is sure to put us in a hyper mood!

In the afternoon, we do topic following teachers' exciting plans,  
Sketching, sports and space even making a rocket that lands!  
Then it is time to go home after six hours of fun,  
Pack up our bags, say goodbye to everyone.

After walking down the corridor, out the door we go,  
Where Mums and Dads are waiting patiently in a row.

**We made it to Antarctica!**

Did you know that our Goosewell Primary Academy flag made it Antarctica recently with a polar explorer? Ruth Peacey kindly sent us a photo of the flag flying at Shackleton's grave, together with some amazing pictures of the journey there and back. Find out more details on our social media feeds and follow the fantastic work of these explorers.



**Cross Country News**

Here are our top cross country runners! They have received their medals and trophies and are clearly happy with the results. Well done to:

- Y6 boy 1st Rory
- Y5 boy 1st Finley B

Goosewell came second overall, which is a great achievement! Well done to everyone who participated in the recent series of cross country races and to all families for their support!

