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

**Reception** Well, what a wonderful first week we have had learning about Kevin the koala and his friends. The children have really embraced the story and the topic and have made dot paintings, explored Australian animals and listened to the didgeridoo. A massive thank you goes out to Miss Watts, a keen Mummy who used to live in Australia and has provided lots of photos, information and real -life resources from Australia. We have learnt lots from you. The coming week will see us looking in more depth at people who help us. We will share our experiences and talk about the different jobs of people who help us in our world. We will engage in some hot seating to demonstrate our understanding of the roles. Enhanced activity will involve the children generating and drawing their own number story and then finding a way to record the number sentence that goes with their story. Happy weekend one and all! Fingers crossed for some sunshine.

**Year 1** The caterpillars are thriving in year one and are getting bigger very quickly – just like the very hungry caterpillar! It's all very exciting! Next week in science, we will be looking at animals who use camouflage for protection and those clever ones that can actually change their colours. In maths, we continue to learn all about fractions. This week we have learnt all about halves and next week, we discover quarters – finding a quarter of a shape and moving onto finding a quarter of a quantity. For our writing, we will learn lots of facts about worms and bees, in order to help us to produce a fact filled poster. As always, we will focus on writing super sentences with the correct punctuation. Games in year 1 is on a Tuesday afternoon. 1T have PE on a Monday and 1WH on a Thursday. Thank you for remembering to send children to school in games/PE kits on these days We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

**Year 2** We are really excited about how big all of our caterpillars have grown. They seem to grow daily and there is a lot of fluffy web developing too which we want to find out about. We are wondering what will happen next? Our caterpillar names include- Dotty, Bobby, Colourful Rainbow, Rose, Meg, Squish, Hairy and Jeff! Sheila the stick insect is happy based in 2K and the children are enjoying observing her and making sure that she is well looked after.

The children are continuing to enjoy phonics and we are excited with the progress they have made since returning to school fully. Please read your RWI- Read Write Inc. books and AR- Accelerated Reader books regularly and record your reading in your diary. We will remind the children to take a class reading book regularly too. We have new certificates for our accelerated readers depending on how many words you have read, so keep reading and quizzing!

Mrs Boalch's reading group are enjoying a beautiful book called the 'Insect Detectives' by Steve Voake which is a non-fiction book that looks a bit like a fiction book. It has amazing illustrations and some wonderful new vocabulary! We will continue activities based on this book next week. This week the children have edited and improved poems and written their own all about a minibeast. We like the fact that there are no real rules and the children love using long words like 'alliteration' (giggling grasshoppers) and 'onomatopoeia'. (buzzzz, whoosh, pop!). Your children are great poetry performers too! Next week we will start writing Caterpillar diaries based on our observations of our caterpillars and start thinking about and planning Minibeast fact files.



## More year group news...

**Year 2 continued...** In maths we will have smashed the 2x and 10x tables this week and can explain what a factor and a product is. Next week we will focus on the 5x table before moving onto division. Keep asking your children quickfire questions on the 2,5 and 10x tables at home. If you want a challenge, have a go at your 3s and 4s too! There are lots of multiplication games and apps to help and support your children too including 'Times Tables Rockstars'. See the Year 2 page on the website for more ideas. A highlight this week has been making spiders to go into our beautiful pastel webs. The children are so proud of their work and we think they look fabulous. Remember, spellings are tested every Thursday and new spellings will be sent home and can be accessed on Teams the same day. PE and games are now on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please send your child into school in their **named school** PE kit. *Please, please, please* can you write names in your children's school uniform and coats etc. We have a small mountain of unnamed items in our KS1 area waiting to be claimed. Also, it is vital that your child always has a coat in school, even a lightweight one in their bag is great as we aim to go out to play whatever the weather! Thank you for your continued support.

**Year 3 & Year 4** We are continuing to work hard and are looking forward to exploring the 'Futhark - rune' alphabet next week. We will then be making our own clay rune pendant. We will be reading another Viking saga called 'The Bear in Chains'. We will make predictions, empathise with characters, answer inference questions and finally summarise events. In Maths Year 3 will be finding fractions of amounts and Year 4 will be exploring position and direction. In Writing as a class, we will be planning and writing a Norse saga, working on using fronted adverbials and inverted commas in our writing.

**Year 5** In our Jigsaw sessions, we have continued to be impressed by the level of maturity your children have shown during our class discussions about how to stay safe online. We have talked in detail about the many positives of online communities and playing games online and have balanced this with the negatives. We are confident that all children can name someone they would feel able to talk to if they felt uncomfortable whilst online and we encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in these sessions. Talking of balanced viewpoints, in our English lessons we have moved on to a non-fiction unit of writing which will see the children writing discussion texts where they will consider the arguments for and against topical issues. This concept has been related to the well-known story of Jack and the Beanstalk where the children have considered the arguments for and against Jack selling the cow for money. In Reading, we have started to read a beautiful book called 'The Lost Words'. This book has been written by Robert Macfarlane to bring back vocabulary associated with nature that were going to be omitted from the Oxford Junior Dictionary. These words form a close link with our Allotment topic so will most certainly not become lost in their vocabulary. In our topic lessons this week, the children have been looking closely at food packaging to identify the origin of a range of foods. This may explain why your child may have been pointing out how many food miles the contents of your fridge have travelled!

**Year 6** This week has seen Year 6 children moving away from story writing and learning about the features of balanced arguments. Healthy debates have taken place over topical issues such as the wearing of school uniform, the use of plastic bags in supermarkets and limitations on screen time. Next week, we will be writing balanced arguments about xenotransplantation - a procedure involving the transplantation into a human from a non-human animal source. In Maths, the properties of circles have been investigated and we have been interpreting a range of graphs and charts. Next week, we will continue our statistics learning and concentrate on mental arithmetic. Year 6 children should know all multiplication facts up to 12 X 12 randomly and at speed. Please remember to encourage your child to consolidate class learning by completing their My Maths homework tasks. The children are looking forward to their swimming lessons at the Plymouth Life Centre over the next two weeks. 6WT and half of 6R will swim next week (week beginning 17th May) and then 6S and the second half of 6R will swim in the final week of term. Please ensure you have completed the online consent form and have the correct swimming kit as detailed in the text/email. 6R continue to have the highest Accelerated Reader word count (10,379,922), followed by 6WT (9,700,394). Come on, 6S...let's get quizzing! Mr Gentile has visited Year 6 classes to answer questions about our Activity Day at Swanpool Beach (Tuesday 20th July) and the children and staff are buzzing with excitement about this adventurous day out. Thank you for your continued support. Have a fantastic weekend!



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

### Covid-19 Reminders on Guidance & Reporting

As you know, children may be asymptomatic with Covid-19, but as advised by the Government, pre-school children and primary aged pupils are not being tested with Lateral Flow Tests. Staff will be testing to help reduce transmission of the virus and keep everyone safe. However, as there are still positive cases in the city, we ask that the whole school community stays vigilant, and should your child develop any new symptoms of Covid-19, you must seek a PCR test. LFT testing is designed to identify asymptomatic cases only.

We have included a link to the guidance for you to follow should you or a member of your family/support bubble experience Covid-19 symptoms, or test positive for Covid-19. Please take the time to read this guidance to ensure that we are all following the correct procedures, aimed at keeping our community safe and well. We would be grateful if you could continue to use the [covid@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) email address to inform us of anything Covid related.

#### [Covid-19 - Absence Guidance](#)

### Uniform Ordering - MAPAC

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### Delivery to your home / work year round!

#### IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION

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### FROGS (Friends of Goosewell School)

We're always keen to welcome new faces to our group of parents, who join together to raise funds to enhance the experiences of all of our children at Goosewell. In the past, the PTA have funded IT equipment, lights for the Goosewell Christmas tree, books, as well as subsidising trips and transport costs, plus lots, lots more!

If you would like to pop along and see how FROGs works or to share your ideas with us, our next meeting will be held via Zoom, on **Tuesday 18th May at 7.30pm**. If you are interested, please email us on [frogs@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:frogs@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) and we will happily send you an invitation and an agenda.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Did you know that 10th-17th May is Mental Health Awareness Week here in the UK? Life Strong Kids, is a Plymouth-based social enterprise that aims to support primary school aged children to become more happy, confident and resilient. We have put together some **free** resources for families. "Creative Ways to Manage Big Emotions and Build Resilience" includes five videos, each one 3-5 minutes long videos for families to watch and a fun activity book that goes alongside the videos.

Click on the link for more information and to download the videos:

[www.lifstrongkids.com/bigemotions](http://www.lifstrongkids.com/bigemotions)

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### Aggie Westons - Support for Military Families

Aggie Westons helps serving members of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families by providing pastoral support around the country, and enabling families to stay connected through projects. On **Tuesday 18th May**, our local Aggie Westons representative will be onsite, at the Jack and Jills garden from 8.50am to talk to anyone about the support that Aggie's can offer military families. They will also be providing free books to all Reception and Key Stage 1 children from military families. Do pop along to say hello after dropping your children to school.

### 2NB's Minibeast Spider Gallery

