

Newsletter

Goosewell Primary Academy

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This week's year group news...

Reception Lots more ladybird fun to come next week in our learning for Reception. Maths will centre around an ongoing project to create a 'taking away' story based on 'Ten Little Ladybirds'. Purposeful writing will include a YouTube video about alliteration as this features in our focus text, 'What the Ladybird Heard'. Daily phonics will be available as always as will fun and funky craft on TAPESTRY. The children will also be invited to research and find 4 fun ladybird facts and present them in their very own flappy ladybird frame. Keep posted on YouTube for a weekly overview and guide of what is available and where to locate it. We are so proud of the way in which so many of you are embracing home learning. We understand how challenging this can be and applaud you all. Keep sharing your super learning and messages with us via TAPESTRY. This keeps us going too in these challenging times !

Year 1 Hello Year 1. We hope you are enjoying our Superhero Topic. We are, but we are missing doing all of the fun activities with you! We have found some great superhero songs for you to enjoy if you would like :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py4fhsx3Ct4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWI6P62TvfU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok7V1pWtRzs>

This week we hope you have been enjoying finishing your Comic strips and had some fun with multiplication and division. We have really enjoyed seeing some of your photos on Microsoft Teams so please keep sending them in. Next week you will be writing some Factfiles and in Maths you will be continuing your work on multiplication and division. Some of you will now be coming to the end of your current phonics group, so please look out for the 'end of sequence' phonics video for what to do next.

Please let us know if you need any help with anything. Take care and stay safe. From all of the Year 1 team ☺

Year 2 Well done Year 2, you are proving to be fantastic superheroes! Thank you for making the teachers smile with your amazing superhero photographs. We have seen The Hulk feeding a baby and Spiderman hoovering, great superhero chore challenges! Please remember to check the overview flipchart, posted onto YouTube to see the learning planned for the week. In English, we will be looking at superheroes and exploring comic strips. Maths will be measuring length and height using centimetres and metres. It will be useful if you can find a tape measure and ruler at home this weekend. Reading will be continuing in the SATs buster book. The topic for next week will be real life superheroes. This will offer opportunities for you and your children to talk about what is currently happening and any feelings that the children may have. Look out for some exciting 'pop' art activities next week too. We love seeing your learning on Microsoft Teams so please keep uploading, keep in touch and stay safe.



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More year group news...

Year 3 We've had a fantastic first week looking at play scripts. We hope you enjoyed performing them at home. We loved watching Olivia in 3M's version using her toys and Jayden in 3Y sent us a video where he used fantastic voices for all the characters. Next week we will continue to look at play scripts and we will be writing our own. This week we began to look at our new reading text 'The way home for wolf'. There were lots of interesting predictions made about the text. We hope everyone has enjoyed the story. Next week in reading, we will continue to explore this story. We have begun our fractions learning and will continue to work on this next week. Including looking at fractions of amounts.

Year 4 As we move further into Term 5, we will be exploring Viking mythology further by carrying out a setting description of Asgard – home to the Gods. Later in the week, the challenge will be to get creative! The children will be asked to create their very own Viking God – strong enough to protect Midgard (that's Earth!). Next week in Maths, we will be looking at money and how we use decimals to convert between pence and pounds, examining the similarities and differences between this and the decimals we have looked at this week. When they are secure in converting amounts, they will move to ordering money using their understanding of place value. The Maths lessons are slightly shorter to give the children opportunities to practise using real coins or extend themselves by completing all the Chuuta Challenges! And in our reading sessions, we will continue to work on our retrieval skills this week in Year 4, as we work through questions focusing on robots using comprehension. We will also work on using possessive apostrophes and considering how we could use them to describe Vikings belongings! Maybe some of those Viking belongings would help against those nasty monsters you have written about!

Year 5 We have been pleased with the number of children who have been uploading photographs of their learning to their class chat on Microsoft Teams. There are still some children who have not shown us any of their home learning or other activities, so we look forward to seeing what they have been up to. It has been great to see photos of the insects, that have been found on your minibeast hunts, which the children were set linked to our Beast Creator topic for this term. It would be lovely to see more children accessing Accelerated Reader as there has been little movement between the word counts for each class. Remember that the website can be used between school hours Monday to Friday. Let's see which class will increase their word count the most during the next week:

5S – 5,274,378

5T – 4,083,904

5C – 7,100,908

Finally, keep watching the YouTube lessons, challenging yourself to persevere and complete as many of the learning opportunities as you can. We hope that you continue to stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have impressed us again with their home learning. They have taken on the challenge of angles within a triangle and quadrilateral and even completed an arithmetic test. We have seen some fantastic examples of Mexican Hat Dances related to our topic 'Hola Mexico' so please keep sharing those with us as they definitely bring a smile to all of our faces. The children have also written stories about a loss of freedom this week using the book 'Holes' as a stimulus. We have enjoyed reading their writing about the struggles of having their freedom taken away from them as they've included lots of incredible description. We are sure they have drawn on some of their current experiences to support their writing. Well done Year 6 and thanks for sharing. Next week, we will continue our properties of shape learning and begin our non-fiction writing.



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This week's highlights & reminders:

Key Stage 2 Exercise Books

Additional Key Stage 2 exercise books will be available to collect from the school next week. You will need to collect the books from inside the main entrance gates, between the Year 1 classrooms and Jack 'n Jills. In order to limit the footfall and amount of traffic to the school site, please collect on the following days only:

Monday - Year 3, Tuesday - Year 4, Wednesday - Year 5, Thursday - Year 6.

Please also be mindful of social distancing at this time.

Some Useful Resources for Mental Health and Wellbeing

CAMHS Resources is a website full of resources and links to support young people and families with their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/>

Help For Heroes have produced a guide to wellbeing, aimed predominantly at adults.

<https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-support/mental-health-and-wellbeing/a-field-guide-to-self-care/>

VE Day 75 Celebrations - Friday 8th May 2020

As you know this year's VE Day will be marking 75 years since the end of the war in Europe. Although the Plymouth City Council's planned commemoration event on Plymouth Hoe can no longer take place, Plymouth City Council and The Box are hosting lots of great activities to commemorate and celebrate this very special occasion. We would love you to be involved too, but from the safety of your own home. Plymouth City Council would like to create a wonderful gallery of photographs from Veterans as well as serving Military and their families, all saluting for VE Day 75.

Please join in and send in your photograph, maybe with your medals too. Please keep to the safety of your own home or garden. Please email your photograph to Lloyd.Owen@plymouth.gov.uk. We hope to get the photograph gallery up on our website: www.visitplymouth.co.uk/VEDay75 early next week. So we very much look forward to receiving your photograph as soon as possible, and together, creating something very special.

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. Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates.

INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



PIAS Update

PIAS is able to support you during the present Covid-19 pandemic. Our phone lines remain open and you can call us on **01752 258933**.

Please see the links below for other relevant information for parents, sibling carers and young carers.

Please note the Health Services link below which gives information on the Child Development Centre (CDC) and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

Health Services SEND during Covid-19

<https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/covid19/covid19/send/healthservices>

Covid 19 Children with special education needs and/or disabilities
<https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/covid19/send>

Covid 19 Send advice and information for children, families and young people
<https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/covid19/covid19/send/advice>

Parenting dedicated phone support for families (Plymouth)
<http://www.plymouthias.org.uk/parenting-programmes/family-phone-support>

Support for sibling carers
<http://www.plymouthias.org.uk/young-people-support/sibling-carers>

Support in Plymouth for young carers
<https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/plymouthlocaloffer/supportforyoungcarers/supportinplymouth>

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#clapforourcarers

As you know, we, like many of you have been joining in with the Thursday night #clapforourcarers. Here are some more of our lovely staff and families joining in from their front door steps. If you have any photos to share of you clapping with your families and showing your support, thanks and appreciation for the work of the nation's carers and keyworkers, please send them in to admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

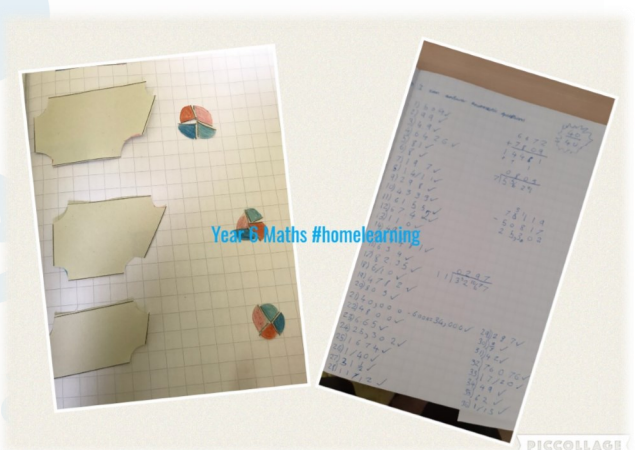


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This week's amazing home learning:



More of this week's amazing home learning:



Next week's virtue is...**Tolerance**

Capacity to endure pain or hardship; sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own.

