

Newsletter

Goosewell Primary Academy

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This week's year group news...

Reception Welcome to the second week of Summer term. I feel that I could put on an exhibition of the incredible caterpillar craft and learning that you have explored, created and shared over the past couple of weeks. It has been truly wonderful to witness. We knew that you were a creative, resourceful little bunch but we have been blown away. The next couple of weeks will see us moving on to using the text, 'What the ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson as a focus for learning. We will be sorting animals and minibeasts according to a range of criteria as well as looking at names and features of baby animals and how they change as they grow. We will explore simple maps and plans and directional language. Purposeful writing tasks will include a character description in the form of a 'WANTED' poster. Alongside this, daily maths challenges and phonics videos will be available on our YouTube channel as well as creative craft on TAPESTRY. Please check for further guidance for expectations on the weekly overview on YouTube and keep sharing your home learning with us on TAPESTRY. It helps us to get through the day to see you all! We hope that you are all happy and well.

Year 1 Hello Year 1! We hope you are all safe and well and had a lovely Easter break, hopefully you managed to enjoy some of the sunshine. Don't forget you can now show us some of your super work and say hello to us on Microsoft Teams. This doesn't just need to be your home learning, it could also be other activities you have been doing at home. Please remember to look daily on our YouTube page and get in touch if you have any questions. We have now started our Topic on Superheroes, hopefully you have all been finding ways to be helpful superheroes at home! We would love to see some photos! Take care and stay safe, from the Year 1 team.

Year 2 Welcome back Year 2 after the Easter break. It all feels a bit strange doesn't it? We hope that you are all well and are managing to have a go at all the learning on You Tube and also making sure that you are keeping busy and active in this amazing weather. We have recently sent you a Microsoft Team link so you can sign up. This will enable you to contact the teachers and share some of the things that you are doing and your learning with us. We are so excited that this term our topic is Superheroes. This and next week we will be writing instructions about how to be a Superhero! Reading and Maths tasks have been set in your SATs buster books. Remember to use your Sum Dog and Times Tables Rock Stars log ins to challenge yourself too. Mrs Kimberlee has kicked off our topic with a wonderful video of sound effects and superhero ideas. She's certainly Goosewell's own Wonder Woman! Next week you will be designing your own superhero outfit, wow and we will be uploading some Superhero songs and dances for you to learn, Mrs Boalch loves them! Keep checking the You Tube channel for an overview of the week which will help you to organise your weekly learning. Take care, keep safe and keep being superheroes at home for your parents or carers.

Year 3 You can see an overview of the learning taking place in Year 3 by following this [link](#). The teachers have all thoroughly enjoyed seeing what you have been getting up to while you are at home: Issy in 3M has been spending lots of time practicing her violin and sent a fantastic clip to Miss Merriman. Leah in 3MH has been working hard to complete lots of activities to gain some new Brownie badges - she even learnt how to safely light a fire with her mum! Lola in 3Y has also been working hard and even made a set of lungs! We have been so impressed by the hard work of both children and parents!



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More year group news...

Year 4 We enter the second term of Term 5 and in writing next week, the children are moving away from the Anglo Saxons and will focus on their attackers – the Vikings. They will start the week with a quiz-like comprehension challenge. Then we will take them into the lands of Viking myths and legends; the children will learn all about the Viking Gods. Once they have looked at the range of Gods, the children will select one to research and then create a fact file (to include some lovely artwork!). To end the week, we will introduce the children to Asgard, the legendary home to the Viking Gods. Next week will be our last week of fractions and decimals and we will use our knowledge of comparing decimals to order them in a sequence, round decimals to the nearest whole number and represent halves and quarters as decimals, culminating in problem-solving using this knowledge. In reading, we are going to continue looking at our text 'How to be a Viking'. This week, we will be focusing on retrieval, sequencing with a comic strip and using exciting vocabulary to describe ourselves as Vikings. What sort of Viking would you be?

Year 5 Welcome back to Term 5! We hope that you had a lovely Easter and that all Year 5 children and their families are well. We also hope that you are adapting well to the amount of time you are now spending at home, hopefully having some fun together, as well as continuing your home learning journey. It is great to see that so many of you have successfully logged on to Microsoft Teams and we have enjoyed reading your general conversations in addition to seeing photographs of your learning. Cherry has used an empty drinks bottle to plant some seeds, Harry has baked banana bread and Lola, along with many others, has successfully multiplied fractions. If you have not used Microsoft Teams yet, remember that your unique log in information was sent home on a personalised letter. Ideally, we would like all children to be able to access this software so that they can ask any questions about the learning tasks set. We hope that you are enjoying the lessons on YouTube and we look forward to seeing photos of your learning uploaded on Teams. Keep smiling and stay safe.

Year 6 It's been great to see Year 6 back in the virtual classroom this week via Microsoft Teams. This week we have been learning all about angles in maths including angles on a straight line, angles in a full turn and vertically opposite angles. The children have enjoyed their English unit related to the Louis Sachar novel 'Holes' which is appropriately a story about a loss of freedom. Year 6 have planned some fantastic plans for their stories based on this stimulus. The launch of our topic 'Hola Mexico' has seen the children complete information posters all about this country and we've particularly enjoyed seeing some families engage in a Mexican theme evening to celebrate their topic. Thanks Year 6 for sharing all of your learning with us on Teams. Next week, we will continue our angle work looking at angles in a triangle and the children will begin to write their own loss of freedom story.

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This week's highlights & reminders:

Keyworkers & Educare

We have changed the way we need you to register your child for EduCare. Please be reassured that no payment is required, this is just an easier way for us to register your children. Please login as usual to access your Eduspot (SchoolMoney) account or App with your password and select 'Clubs' from the menu. Please select the required dates for the forthcoming weeks. We would like to take this opportunity in thanking you for your continued support during these uncertain times. Take care and stay safe. School Office

Contacting the School

During this closure period, please use the admin@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk email address for all enquiries to the school in the first instance. This email address is continually monitored, but we would ask that you bear with us when awaiting a reply. In cases of emergency only, the school phone line may be used on 01752 482960. Thank you for all your messages and gestures of support recently, we are all truly touched.

Home Learning

Each week, there will be a new YouTube video for each year group providing an overview of the week ahead. You should already have received links to this week's videos, but please tune in to the YouTube Home Learning section of the school website each Monday for the overviews. You can find a link [here](#)

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.

#clapforourcarers

We, like many of you have been joining in with the Thursday night #clapforourcarers. Here are some of our lovely staff 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



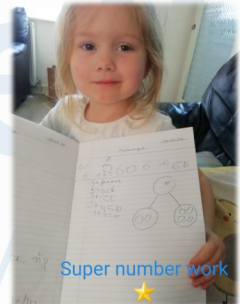
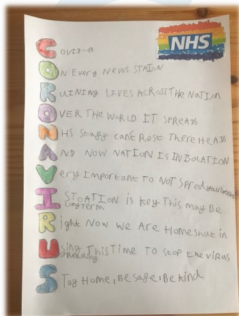
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This week's amazing home learning:



Covid-19

Covid-19 makes me very sad,
This virus is so very bad
So many people getting sick
I really hope it's over quick
Wash your hands
Cancel your plans
Were all in this together
Hopefully not forever
Stay at home
Keep in contact by phone
People dying
No planes flying
Many countries in isolation
As we all wait for a vaccination
The keyworkers risk it all
To ensure that we don't fall
We clap for them every week
In a hope for the freedom that we seek
We all pray
That safe we will stay



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

Having a purpose as in something set up as an object or end to be attained

