

English

We will be reading two exciting books as part of our Power of Reading scheme! For the first two weeks, we will focus on 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, a beautiful book about finding our place in the world. For the rest of the half term we will read and work around 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown.

Written texts: robot reports, an animal survival guide, letters and emails from Roz the Robot.



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Our theme this half term is Journeys!

We will reflect on the unusual journey we have been on over the past few months and how we can cope with the changes from this. We will also be looking at various journeys including journeys through space, animal migration, and journeys in our local area as well as those that take place in our own human bodies!



Maths

Our maths will focus on catching up with and practicing our core skills including place value and the four operations.



Music

In Music, we are going to learn about musical notation. We will listen to and analyse 'The Arrival of the Birds'.



Science - We will look at space including learning about rocket forces and planets.

We will explore the journeys of migratory animals to help us create a survival guide. We will also look at journeys through the human body, including teeth and the digestive system, as well as the journey of a red blood cell. We will carry out a study of the growth of our feet from Reception to Year 6!

Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring maps, including keys and symbols. We will create our own maps of the island in The Wild Robot using these and will study the mountains and forests of the island to work out where it could be in the world.

We will trace migration routes of different animals across the globe and find out about how this affects land use and the culture, food production and economy of different countries.

We will also look at more local journeys, including tracing our journey from home to school on a map linking to our DT project.

Computing

Learning to use 2code and 2email on Purple Mash.

Art/DT

Watercolour painting, printing, sewing a button on and using a running stitch.

MFL

This year the whole school will be starting to learn French.

To kick this off we will be learning to introduce ourselves and use basic greetings appropriate for the different times of day. We will also learn our numbers to 10.

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to school!

Your child's wellbeing is of highest concern. If you have any questions or concerns relating to any aspect of your child's school life, please do not hesitate to make contact. You can do this either by speaking to me at the end of the school day or calling to arrange a time to meet.

General Information/Homework

PE – Our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Maths/Theme - *This will be set weekly on Friday and will be collected in the following Friday.* It will be a short, topical piece of learning based on the knowledge organisers, which your child will receive at the start of term.

Spellings – We will practice spellings daily in class alongside handwriting. The list of words for the week (including the spelling rule/pattern) will be posted on Monday morning on the Skylarks page on the school website, as well as the Gooderstone Primary Academy Facebook page. Practicing these words at home will greatly benefit your child!

Reading – Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. This could be in the car, before bed, or whenever there is a spare 10 minutes! Your child will have a reading record in which you can record what they have read. This will be checked in class on a weekly basis.

What to bring – Each child will be given a large plastic wallet to transport letters, sheets, reading books and reading records from home to school. All they will need to bring in addition to this is a named water bottle, lunchbox and pair of black plimsolls. Pencil cases and equipment will be provided by school.