



# Gooderstone

The newsletter from **Gooderstone C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

## ***1st half term***

We made it! It has been a very unusual half term but the children have settled wonderfully well and we are so happy to be all together in the same building again, even if it is in bubbles. The classes have been zooming each other for collective worship so they can share their learning and we can get back a bit more of our whole school community feel. Next half term we will start our Sharing assemblies over Zoom, these will be in house at first but we hope to include you either live or by sharing recorded sessions, later on in the term. We hope that you have a restful half term, stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

## ***Online learning***

As so many of you will be aware cases of COVID are on the rise around the country and we need to be prepared for a local lockdown at any time. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October the teaching staff will be having training on how to use google classroom. This will become our home learning platform in times of lockdown and any periods of self-isolation that may occur. Google classroom is user friendly, it allows staff to post work, put deadlines on the work and mark uploaded pieces from the students. We will walk the children through how to use it when they come back after half term and will send more user information out to parents after half term too.

## ***Parent's Evening***

Your contribution and involvement in your children's learning is very important and we don't want COVID to disrupt anymore of their education. Parent's Evening is no exception and class teachers have/will be sending out emails inviting you to book a time for a Zoom meeting. These meeting will allow you and the class teacher time to discuss your child's progress and how they have settled back in to school life. We will also be sending out the PITA report (point in time assessment) after half term as usual. If you have not had an appointment email yet, then please check you junk or spam folders as they can end up in there. If you are still missing an email, then you can contact your children's class teacher though the class email below.

[owls@gooderstone.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:owls@gooderstone.norfolk.sch.uk)

[skylarks@gooderstone.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:skylarks@gooderstone.norfolk.sch.uk)

[Kestrels@gooderstone.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:Kestrels@gooderstone.norfolk.sch.uk)

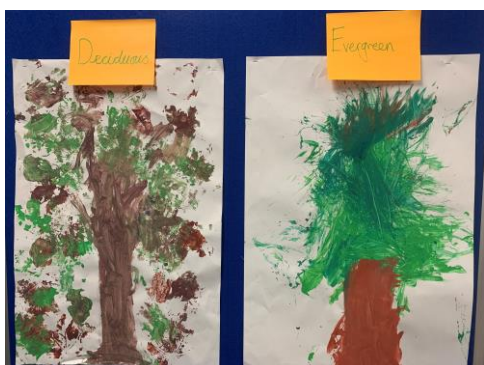
Please allow **48 hours** for a reply to your email. The teachers will get back to you as soon as they possibly can but are teaching during the day which means they are unable to reply instantly. If you have an urgent query, contact the office as usual.

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## Saw Project

<https://www.sawtrust.org/>

At the beginning of September our Federation had training on the Science Arts Writing project, this was run by the John Innes Foundation. We are keen to raise the profile of science in our curriculum and this approach fits in with our creative curriculum really well. Through creative use of science in the classroom, SAW inspires artistic and scientific endeavour. Children realise that science and the arts are interconnected – and they discover new and exciting ways of looking at the world. Each class has now taken part in their own projects and they have **LOVED** them. The learning is deep, enriched and full of the most amazing vocabulary. Look out for posts on our website and Facebook about them.



## Reading

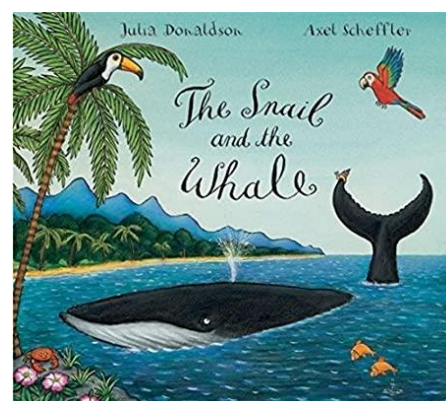
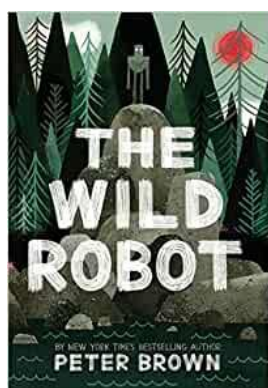
<https://clpe.org.uk/>

Reading is our biggest priority this academic year, it is the key to unlocking all curriculum subjects for children. As with last year we are using the Power of Reading as a way to encourage children to love books and broaden their reading horizon. We want every child to be a confident reader with a passion for books. This half term we all started the term focussing on '**Here we are**' by Oliver Jeffers. For the rest of the term the classes have been looking at the following texts:

**Owls: The snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson**

**Skylarks: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown**

**Kestrels: The Journey by Francesca Sanna**



### ***Poppy Appeal***

After half term we will be selling Poppies to mark Remembrance Day and raise money for the British Legion. A small sample of things will be kept in each bubble for the children to purchase if they wish, please see the things on sale below. The children are welcome to bring in donations throughout the beginning of November. Kestrels will be laying a wreath from the school on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** at the memorial, unfortunately we will be unable to invite parents to this.



### ***School dinners***

As of next half term we will be offering cooked meal once again. It will be a simpler menu than before to allow lunches to be eaten in the classrooms. Mrs Delve is currently uploading the new menus on to Parent Mail. If you would like your child to have a hot lunch, then please book them in the usual way.

### ***School Photos***

On **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** the school photographer will be in. Each bubble will have their photos taken and the equipment will be cleaned between each bubble to ensure the children are being kept safe. Due to COVID restriction we are only able to take individual photos this year. Therefore we are unable to offer sibling photos due to the implication of bubble mixing.

### ***Flu Immunisation***

For those of you who have requested a flu immunisation for your children using the online portal they will be taking place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

### ***Dates for your diary...***

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Children back to school

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> November:** Parent's Consultations via Zoom

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in need

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti bullying week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Children back to school

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