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Autumn - Issue 2

# Gooderstone Gazette

The Newsletter from **Gooderstone C of E Primary Academy** – Your School, Your News!

## Worship Theme:

*Compassion*

## Weekly Attendance Award:

**Kestrels**  
**99.44%**

## Star of the week:

**Owls** – Eva, for settling in so well and having beautiful manners.

**Skylarks** – Arabella and Olivia, for settling in to their new school so well.

**Kestrels** – Charlie, for excellent resilience in his learning this week.

## Wow of the week:

**Owls** – Kieran, for working hard to improve his sentence writing.

**Skylarks** – Lilly, for using fantastic description in her writing about plastic bags.

**Kestrels** – Lucy, for excellent Arithmetic work adding decimals.

## Our learning- What have we been doing this week?

**Owls:** We have been finding out about animal charities and have built a house for our owl- Kevin.

**Skylarks:** We had a SAW day where we learnt about solids, liquids and gases where we learnt about particles and how they are spaced and made ice cream!

**Kestrels:** This week we learnt about the seven life processes and then used this knowledge in a newspaper article about a Monster which had been spotted.

## Google Classroom

Last academic year we used NSIX email addresses to log into Google Classroom in order to access homework and lockdown learning. Our Google account provider is changing, and these NSIX accounts are being made redundant. We will still be using Google Classroom to distribute homework, and for any other circumstances in which we need to issue work for home learning, but this will be through a new Google account. Your class teacher will be sending home account details which end in '@[gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:gooderstone.dneat.org)', with which you will be able to access the new Google Classroom for your child.

To access Google Classroom:

1. Visit the Google Classroom sign in page by clicking [here](#).
2. Enter your child's [@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:gooderstone.dneat.org) email address and press 'enter'.
3. You will then be taken to the RM Unify login page. Enter the email address and password again.
4. You will then be able to access Google Classroom.

If you choose to use the iOS or Android application on a mobile device, you will need to add the Google Account to your phone through your phone settings.

## Art Gallery

We are hoping to set up an art gallery in the corridor near the Hall. If you have any spare frames in which we could display some of the children's wonderful art we would be very grateful!

## Homework

This academic year we will be setting our homework on Fridays via our Google Classrooms. The amount of homework set will increase as the children move up through the school years.

The activities mentioned below will be the children's regular weekly homework, class teachers may add to this sporadically and that will be communicated through your child's Google Classroom/email.

### For the Autumn Term:

**Reception:** Reading and letter sound work

**Year One:** Reading and Numbots

**Year Two:** Reading, Numbots, Spelling Shed and discussion question to explore

**Year Three:** Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars.

**Year Four:** Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars.

**Year Five:** Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars.

**Year Six:** Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, Discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars. Either a written task or a maths task dispatched weekly.

We understand that family life can be very busy so we have designed our homework requirements to allow children to be as independent as possible in their learning. Reading will require you to sit with your children to listen and ask them questions. This simple activity can have a huge impact on their development and progress, as being able to read unlocks the whole curriculum for children.

The rest of the homework set is mostly based around our online learning platforms which encourage children to read, spell and manipulate numbers through game based activities. If you are struggling to get on the platform please contact your child's class teacher for details.

## What are we Reading

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. We use our Power of reading book as the basis for our English teaching and incorporate it into other subject areas. We also have a class reader which is a shared class book that is read to the children every day.

### Current Books:

#### Power of Reading books

**Owls:** Hello Friend

**Skylarks:** One Plastic Bag

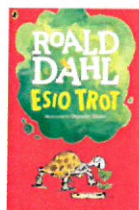
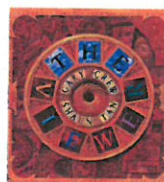
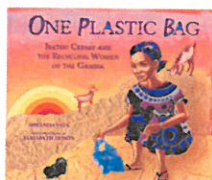
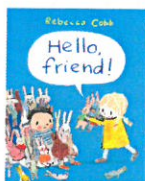
**Kestrels:** The Viewer

#### Class Reader:

**Owls:** Esio Trot

**Skylarks:** The Creakers

**Kestrels:** Boy Giant



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### Harvest Festival

We hope to be able to hold an in school Harvest festival later this half term, and would like the children to bring in items for a Harvest collection. These will be shared with the church and distributed to families and food banks within our local community. If you are able to, please send in boxed/tinned/packets of non-perishable items for our collection. Thank you.

### After-School Clubs

Monday Singing Club for Years 1-6 (Mrs Buckley)  
Tuesday Art Club for Years 1-6 (Miss Stanley)  
Tuesday Multi Sports for Years 1-6 (Mr Clarke)  
Taekwondo for Years 1-6 (Mr Fowler)

### Lunchtime Clubs

Wednesday Mindfulness for KS1 & KS2 (Mrs Skilton)  
Thursday Dance Club for KS1 & KS2 (Mrs Chisman)

### Diary Dates

**Virtual Sharing Assembly:** Every Friday morning, the class bubbles get together via Zoom to share their learning and celebrate the stars and wows of the week.

**Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October:** Half Term Holiday

**Monday 1st November:** Individual & Sibling Photos

**Thursday 25th November:** - Flu Immunisation Reception - Yr6

**Monday 20th December - Wednesday 5th January:** Christmas Holiday

*Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes.  
Thank you for understanding!*

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