



Kestrel News

Autumn Edition

September– December 2022

Welcome back everyone! This Newsletter is a quick update of everything happening in Kestrels this half term. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to me at the beginning or end of the school day, or email me at kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org.uk

Our topic-*Impact!* what impact have humans had on the world?



We are reading *Holes* in English!

We will be writing letters, newspaper articles and short stories with the setting of the Wild West.



In Maths our focus will be place value, including rounding and comparing numbers and calculating with the four operations.

We will be learning about forces in Science as well as dipping our toes into the topics of space and fossils.

We have also adopted a field maple tree in the school grounds which we are completing a longitudinal study on to see how it changes with the season.



In Art we will be looking at how Ancient civilizations have impacted upon our building design as well as creating mosaics.



In History and Geography we will be studying the Ancient Civilizations of the Vikings and Greeks and will look at how they travelled, where they travelled to and what they did when they got to new places.



We will be building boats and buildings in D&T this term. We will even be testing these out!



Our P.E. days are:

Tuesday and Wednesday

Tuesday– Swimming for select Year 5s.

Badminton for others.

Wednesday– Badminton

The children can wear their P.E. kits all day, including their house colour t-shirt.



Please ensure that the children have appropriate clothes for the weather, including coats with hoods and suitable outdoor shoes which are allowed to get dirty.



Questions the children asked about our topic



Important Dates

3:15p.m. 16th September– Summer Fair

21st September– SAW day

9:15a.m. 27th September– Kestrels'

Gooderstone Gathering– come and join us for some fun outdoor learning!

29th September– Year 5 RSHE (please check your emails for the parent leaflets regarding this)

14th October– Year 6 RSHE (please check your emails for the parent leaflets regarding this)

24th October– Half Term

Dates after half term TBC.

Homework

As well as Times table Rockstars and Ed Shed the children have a weekly Maths or English task and a P4C discussion question.

The aim of these activities is to build the children's foundational knowledge which everything else is built upon.

Sometimes the Maths or English task might be replaced by another subject but will still require the use of English or Maths skills.

