



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 13th September

A huge welcome back to all of our returning and new families! I hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for a new school year. It has been lovely to see the children settling into new classes this week and I am sure that they are all ready for a fantastic term of new topics, learning and fun! In assemblies this half term we will be thinking about our value represented by our Active Ant – Teamwork. Children chosen for Head's Tea will be selected if they have demonstrated this value over the week. You can find out the theme of the week displayed around school.

This Week:

- You may have noticed that our big playground has been resurfaced during the holidays. There is still a little bit of tidying up work to do around the edges and we hope this will be completed soon. The new playground markings will be done later this term.
- This half term the start of day doors staff will be: Mrs Dale (Acting Head) on the door to Classes 1, 2, 3; Mrs Harford-Smyth (Acting Deputy Head) on the door to Class 4 & 5; different members of school staff will cover the door to Class 6 & 7 until our new Learning Mentor is appointed; Mrs Whitehead, (Business Manager) is on the door to Classes 8 & 9.
- A plea from classroom staff to all families – could you please, please make sure that all your child's belongings are labelled with their name? This really helps us to ensure that lost property gets back to the right owners! Many thanks in advance.
- A reminder that we operate a password system in school for those times when an adult that does not usually collect your child does so. This is to ensure the safety of your child and reassures staff that they are sending the child home with a designated safe adult. Please make sure you pass along the password if you ask a family member or friend to collect your child in an emergency. If possible, please let us know in advance if someone different is collecting your child.
- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our meet the team meetings yesterday. I hope you found the meetings informative and useful. If you were not able to attend, please don't worry. An information sheet will be sent home with all children with details of the meeting content.

Coming Up Next Week:

- Our class teachers will be undertaking some school development work alongside Gayton teachers next week. This is so that we can make sure the curriculum we deliver to the children at both schools meets their needs, inspires them to learn and enables them to build knowledge and skills on previous learning.
- Miss Gadsby (Class 4 teacher), Miss Muir (Class 5 teacher), Mrs Cooper (Class 7 TA) will be attending 2 days of training on the teaching of reading and phonics next week on Monday and Tuesday. This is to ensure that they are up to speed on *Read, Write, Inc!* our phonics scheme to ensure our children make the best possible progress in reading! Class 4 and 5 will be taught by Mrs Hadfield and Miss Baldwin respectively.
- On Thursday 19th at 5.15pm and Friday 20th at 9.00am parents and carers of children who have just joined Ridgeway in Classes 1, 2 and 3 are invited to attend a Curriculum Information meeting. You will be able to find out about the structure of the school day, how children learn in Reception classes, how we teach early skills for reading, writing and maths and ideas of how you could help at home. A letter was sent out earlier in the week, so please do return the slip to school if you are able to join us.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Wed 9 th October	Y1 Animal Day - come to school dressed as your favourite animal! A visit from <i>Magic Animals</i> to meet some of our furry and not-so-furry friends! More info to follow.
Fri 18 th October	YR Fine Motor Parent/Carer Information Session. More info to follow

A full list of dates can be found on the website.

Writing Showcase

This week's amazing writing is by Rosa in Class 7. It has been chosen because she has written a lovely recount of her holiday using past tense correctly. She has used accurate sentence punctuation for every sentence and added details to interest the reader. Her spelling is excellent, remembering tricky words and using phonics to make good attempts at less familiar words. I wish I had sausage rolls on the beach! Well done Rosa! 😊

<p>Dear Mrs Dale I went to Woolacombe. I stayed in my tent. I had so much fun there and we all went swimming. We went to the beach. We got sausage rolls and went on the bus. We also went to Ilfracombe. When it was pouring with rain it was fun.</p>	 <p>Mrs Dale ♥ From Rosa ♥</p>
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BOOK LOOK!

Since it is Roald Dahl's birthday this week, it is very fitting that Miss Ellis has chosen **The Enormous Crocodile** for our first weekly Book Look!

I have chosen this book to because it is a very funny book about a clever crocodile and you might even spot some characters from other stories by Roald Dahl! Jaxon selected this book to read in class and everyone enjoyed it.

Roald Dahl has written many books and is a popular author. His books often feature unkind adults and common themes are about children who overcome these terrible adults and always have a happy ending. Elements of 'gross-ness' and humour appeal well to reluctant boys too. Enjoy some Roald Dahl to celebrate his birthday this week!

From Miss Ellis (Year 2 Class 7) 😊

