



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 20th September

This Week:

- Our teachers met with the staff at Gayton Junior School this week to work together on developing our curriculum. We had a fantastic meeting and are planning more joint working for our teachers in the future. Staff from both schools had lots of ideas of how we could plan more joint school events for children too. Very exciting things to come!
- Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Reception Curriculum Meetings this week. I hope that you found the meetings informative and that you have a better understanding of how your child will learn in Classes 1, 2 and 3 this year. All the slides will be available on the website next week.
- Our recycling station outside Class 5 will have a new collection box very soon! We are collecting old writing instruments (apart from wooden pencils, wax and chalk) and the plastic is recycled by an organisation that raises money for a children's brain tumour research and support charity (Ellie's Fund). Please donate pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils etc. regardless of brand. Thank you for your support.
- As you know, we like to make good use of our outdoor areas in all weathers but we are very short of wellington boots for our Reception children! We have had to throw some very well loved wellies away this summer and we would love it if you could donate your unwanted/outgrown/pre-loved wellies to school for the children to use. If you have any children's wellies hanging around in the garage or that cupboard under the stairs – particularly if they are size 9 or over – we would be very happy to give them a new home! Many thanks in advance.
- Y2 parents/carers should this week have received a letter about a trip to Derby Theatre in December. Although it seems a long time until December, the theatre has asked us to confirm numbers and pay 6 weeks before the trip so this means we need to send out our letter detailing the trip very early indeed! Please do return the slip as soon as you can as this would be a fantastic opportunity to see a classic play in a beautiful theatre.

Coming Up Next Week:

- Miss Williams has a meeting with Derby School Sports Partnership next week to look at how we can work with them to improve our PE provision in school this year. The Derby School Sports Partnership organises competitive and just-for-fun sporting events across the city and we are hoping to be able to take our children along to join in this year! More information to follow.
- Some children from Year 2 will be taking part in a link school scheme organised by Derby Open Centre. This will see Ridgeway partnered up with a county school that has a very different setting and catchment from us. It is hoped that some of the children may be able to visit each other's schools and see the similarities and differences for themselves then report back to us at school. This will give a real audience for some of our writing activities in Year 2 this year. Teachers from both schools will meet this week to begin to plan some exciting activities.
- Friday 27th September is Stand Up Derbyshire Day! The aim is to get as many schools in Derby and Derbyshire to be active for as much of the school day as possible! Teachers will be busy planning how they can teach their normal lessons in an active way to get us all up and out of our seats. 😊

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Friday 4 th October	NEW Year 2 Harvest Experience visit to Newmount Church –more information to follow
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 Laween in Class 6. Laween has used a word mat to help him spell words correctly to label his chosen animal. Word mats, word walls and this type of resource helps to teach children how to help themselves to spell successfully words that they may not be able to spell alone and this also leads to early dictionary skills. Laween has worked hard to form the letters correctly and checked to make sure he has spelled the word correctly too. Well done Laween! 😊

Wednesday 18th September

LO: Labelling Animals



eyes

head

arm



BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Bailey has chosen **Lost and Found** by Oliver Jeffers for our weekly Book Look.

We have been reading this book along with other books about birds as part of our 'animals' topic and the children in Class 6 have enjoyed this story the most! It is about a penguin that gets lost, but gets found by a boy. It has a happy ending despite lots of children thinking the end was going to be sad.

Oliver Jeffers has written lots of other stories – some of them have the same boy as the main character so if you read other stories by this author, you might come across the boy again!

From Miss Bailey (Year 1 Class 6) 😊

