



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

## This Week:

- A huge pat on the back to all of our children for their amazing Harvest Concerts! They worked really hard to learn all the words and were very brave to sing in front of such a big audience. Well done everyone! Thank you so very much for your generous donations for our harvest collection for Derby Soup Kitchen. I am sure they will be very much appreciated.
- Animal day in Year 1 was a roaring, squeaking, hooting, snuffling success! The children learned about meerkats, spiders, owls, skunks, snakes and more! They looked fantastic in their animal themed outfits too. 😊
- Thank you to everyone who has already brought in Aldi stickers for our Team GB Poster. The collection poster is currently displayed the main entrance area and it is starting to fill up! We only have until the end of October to fill our poster so please do bring your stickers in without delay! If you have any family or friends that shop at Aldi please consider asking them to support us too. We'd really like a free sports kit and hopefully that chance of winning the grand prize of £20,000!
- This week all Year 2 children have taken part in Safety Seymour Safety workshops which cover important learning about the dangers of carbon monoxide in the home. It was a very informative session and we all learned a great deal. Ask your child to tell you what they learned!



## Coming Up Next Week:

- Our school photographer is in school next week on Wednesday and Thursday morning to take individual photos of children.
- Mrs Jeffery is running a fine motor skills workshop for parents and carers of children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 and for other parents where we feel this information might be helpful on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- I am delighted to tell you that our new Learning Mentor, Mr Simpson, will start working with us on Monday next week. I know that you will join me in wishing him a warm welcome to Ridgeway!

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FOR Halloween Disco – Reception classes (YR) 4.30-5.15, KS1 5.30-6.30
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tea & Toast & Cake Sale for MacMillan nurses from 8.15am in the hall School Closes for half term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Opens

A full list of dates can be found on the website

## Hello!

My name is Rob Simpson and from Monday of next week I'll be joining the Ridgeway team as the new Learning Mentor.



For the last 12 years I have been the Inclusion Manager and Learning Mentor at Reigate Park Primary and prior to that I have worked in other childcare settings such as children's homes, schools and nurseries.

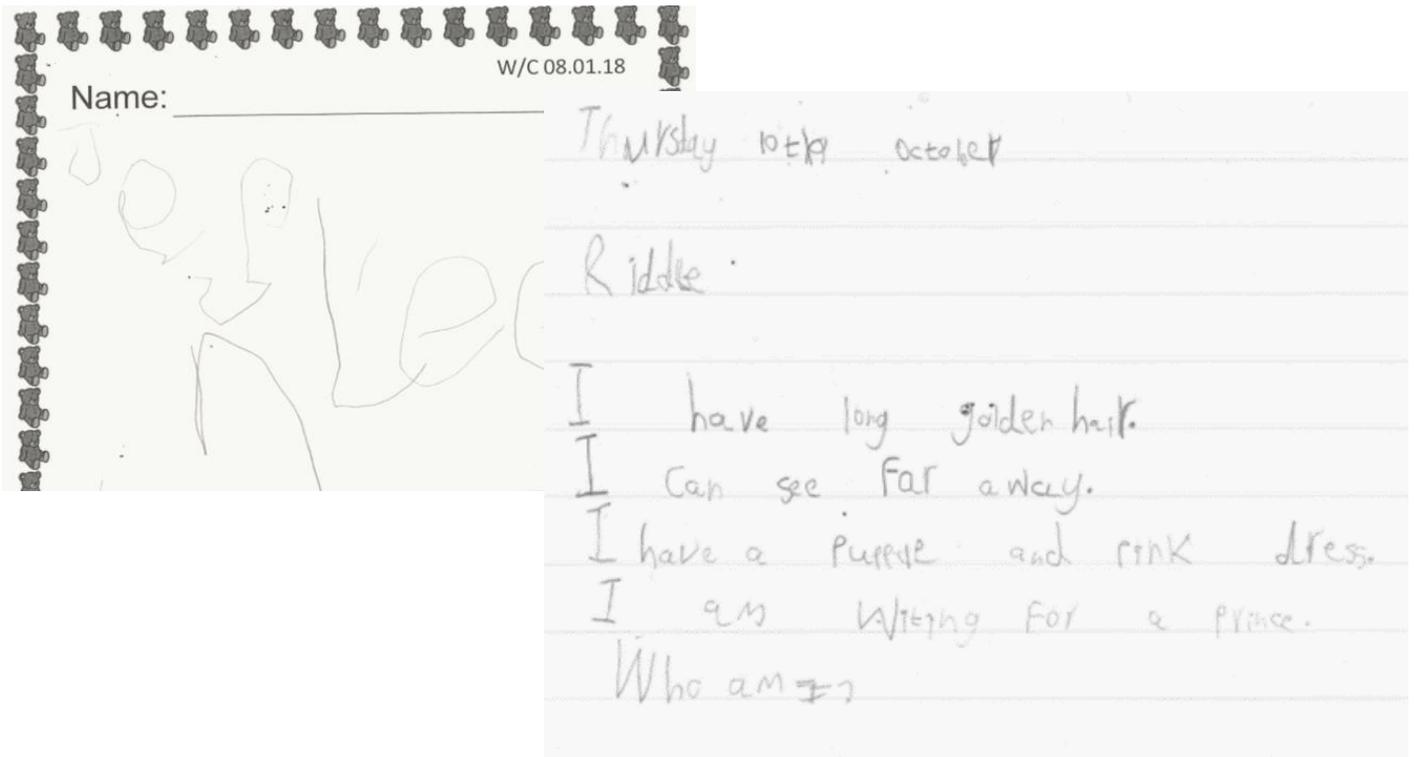
Outside of my working life I'm a big fan of music and will probably be trying to sneak my guitar into school at the first opportunity!

I'm very excited to be starting my new role. I can't wait to get to know the children and all of you.

Please do feel free to come up and say hello when you see me!

# Writing Showcase

This week's amazing writing is by Jasleen in Class 9. Year 2 children have been writing riddles about fairy tale characters this week. Jasleen's riddle not only has some fantastic clues, that show her knowledge of the fairy tale but also some excellent spelling and very neat handwriting too! I am so impressed with the progress that Jasleen has been since starting Reception I thought I would show you her writing from Reception too. Well done Jasleen! ☺



## BOOK LOOK!

This week Mrs Hadfield has chosen **Oi Duck Billed Platypus**, by Kes Gray for our weekly Book Look.

*This is a story that is a sequel to others in the series called Oi Dog, Oi Frog, and Oi Cat. These books are fantastic for exploring rhyme – a skill that helps children recognise where words sound the same which is helpful when learning to spell.*

*The children loved this book because it is very funny – the characters are trying to think of things that rhyme with all the different animals but cannot think of one for platypus! The children in Year 1 enjoyed thinking of things that rhymed with their names such as Reece on a fleece or Zak on a yak. It's a story that they have asked for over and over again they love it so much!*

From Mrs Hadfield ☺

