



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 8th November

This Week:

- Thank you to all our parents and carers that stayed to read with their children in class this morning. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's learning. The next Stay and Read session will be 22nd Nov from 8.45-9.10am.
- Aldi Poster Update – you did it! We managed to fill our poster meaning that we should be receiving a sports kit into school in the next few weeks. We will also be entered into the prize draw to win £20 000 – cross your fingers!
- Year 1 children and staff really enjoyed their Hero Day on Wednesday this week! What a lot of Heroes we had in school! This was a great start to their new topic.
- Ready for our remembrance assembly on Monday 11th November, we have been selling poppies in school this week and also have a range of other items such as poppy themed pencils and wristbands. Although there is no minimum donation for poppies, the other items do have a suggested donation starting from 50p. If you would like your child to buy a poppy or other items, please send donations into school on Monday as the box will be collected after this date.
- We have been informed by local police that they will be patrolling the streets around school in upcoming weeks to monitor the parking situation. Penalty notices will be issued where unauthorised parking is seen. Thank you for parking and driving responsibly around our school.
- Breakfast Club – we have noticed that as they are leaving school after dropping their children off at Breakfast Club, a few parents have been holding the door open for other visitors to enter school. Can I please ask that for the safety of the children that you do not let anyone in to school as you leave? All visitors need to be signed in at the office so that we know who is in school. Many thanks for your cooperation.
- As the weather turns colder and children are bringing hats/scarves/gloves into school could I ask that you please ensure that all items are named? This helps us try to return lost items to the right child quickly. We do encourage children to keep their smaller items of clothing safe either in their drawer in class, in the designated box in their cloakrooms or in coat pockets or tucked down coat sleeves but it is very easy for these things to go missing. Staff are always happy to write names on labels if you need them to. Thank you in advance.
- You may have noticed our new playground markings! Unfortunately due to the heavy rain, the painting team were having to dry the playground before the markings could be done and this meant that they have not finished. We are hoping that the markings will be finished in the next few weeks.

Coming Up Next Week:

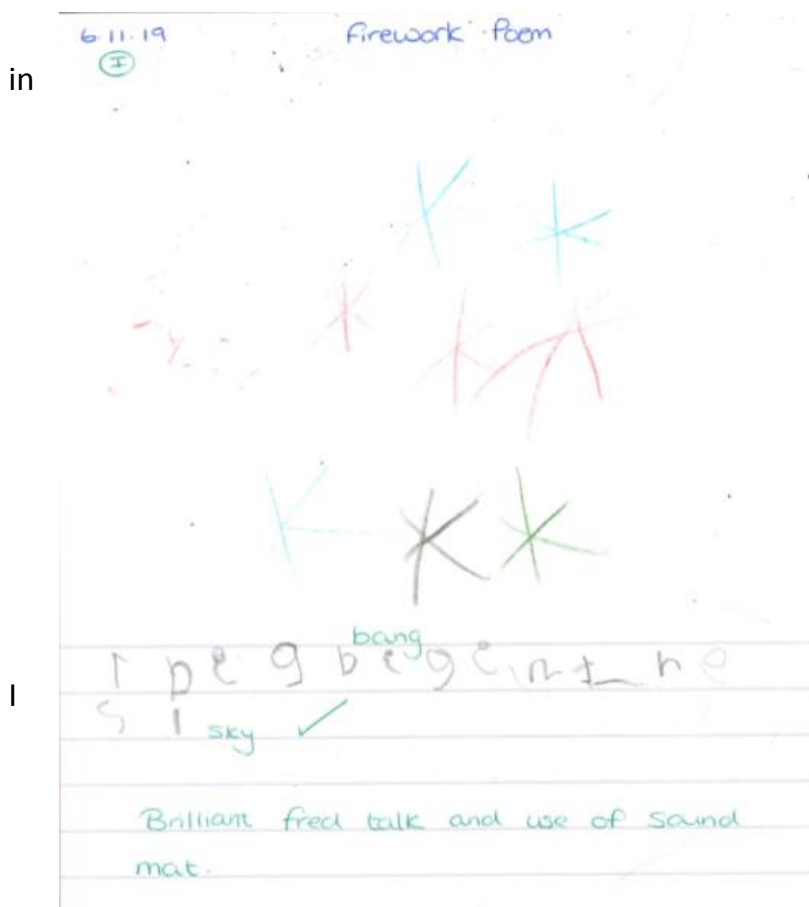
- Parents/Carers Consultation Evenings are Tue 12th and Thu 14th November. If you have not yet requested an appointment, there are still some available.
- The next Parent Forum Meetings to discuss the future structure of Ridgeway and Gayton schools will be held on Tue 12th 4.30pm at Gayton and Thu 14th 9am at Ridgeway. Parents may attend either meeting, please return slips ASAP.
- The Book fair will be in school next week open Mon-Thu after school and during parents evening until late.
- Children in Need is Friday 15th November! The School Council are organising the events of the day along with Mrs Hadfield and they have decided to invite children to wear non-uniform for a donation of £1 for the charity. A separate letter will be sent with further details.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 18 th Nov	KS1 Cinema Trip and YR Cinema Experience (at school)
Thu 21 st Nov	Tour for prospective parents 1.30pm

A full list of dates can be found on the website

Writing Showcase



This week's amazing writing is by Fatima Class 2.

The children in Reception have been writing firework poems. Fatima's poem has been chosen because she came up with her own ideas for a sentence. She used Fred Talk (splitting the word up into the individual sounds) to identify each sound she needed and then used a sound mat to find the sound and copy how to write the letters correctly.

Writing is so tricky for children who are just learning all the different skills and Fatima is trying so hard with her writing, was so very impressed! Well done Fatima! 😊

BOOK LOOK!

This week our Mrs Harford-Smyth has chosen **Giraffes Can't Dance!** by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees for our weekly Book Look.

Mrs Harford-Smyth says "I love this book because it has a great moral. The book is about a giraffe that can't do lots of the things that the other animals can do. The other animals are unkind to the giraffe but in the end he finds something that he is fantastic at and the other animals learn their lesson..."

This story teaches children that they can do anything and shouldn't listen to others that tell them differently. You can do it if you always believe in yourself!"

From Mrs Harford-Smyth (Acting Deputy Headteacher) 😊

