



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 15th November



This Week:

- I am sure you will have noticed that this week we have had our new playground markings laid! We are very happy with them and the children have enjoyed using the activity trails and running track when they have managed to get outside for playtime. You may also have seen that not all the markings were laid correctly...but I am delighted that the contractors came back the same night to put it right! 😊
- This week we held our first Parents/Carers Consultation Evenings of this academic year. We appreciated the patience and understanding of parents on Thursday as we started a little late due to many parents being delayed collecting their children because of the terrible weather conditions in the local area and at Gayton. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, we hope you found the meetings useful and informative.
- Thank you to the parents and carers who gave up their time to join us at our Parent Forum meetings over the last two weeks. Your feedback will be shared with the governing body and will help them to make a decision about the future structure of both Ridgeway and Gayton schools.
- The Book Fair was in school this week! Many thanks if you were able to purchase a book. We receive 60% commission on all book sales to spend on books for our school and in this time of huge cuts to school funds, this commission really does have a huge impact. We are able to restock our library and classroom reading areas with new quality texts for everyone to enjoy. If you have ordered a book it should be with us in the next week at the latest.
- On behalf of Pudsey Bear and friends, thank you for your generous donations today for BBC's Children In Need Non-Uniform Day!
- We tried to put the sandwich trolley in the sensory den to avoid soggy sandwiches but lots of families wait in there on rainy mornings – so instead, on rainy days we will leave the sandwich trolley inside the doorway between Class 6 and 7. Please send your children in to put their sandwich box on the trolley before entering school through their usual door. Thank you!

Coming Up Next Week:

- Key Stage 1 Children will be visiting the cinema on Monday 18th November. Children in Reception classes will have a cinema-style experience in school.
- We will be carrying out monitoring visits to classrooms to observe behaviour over the week. These visits form part of our monitoring activities and enable us to check the quality of behaviour management both in the classroom and outside.
- The next Joint Governors Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November. At this meeting, governors from both Ridgeway and Gayton will meet with Mrs Hill (Acting Head at Gayton) and myself to discuss the effectiveness of the joint work that has been carried out this term.
- Prospective Parents/Carers of children who will start school in Sep 2020 are invited to attend a short meeting and a tour of the school on Thursday 21st November to find out more about Ridgeway and our ethos.

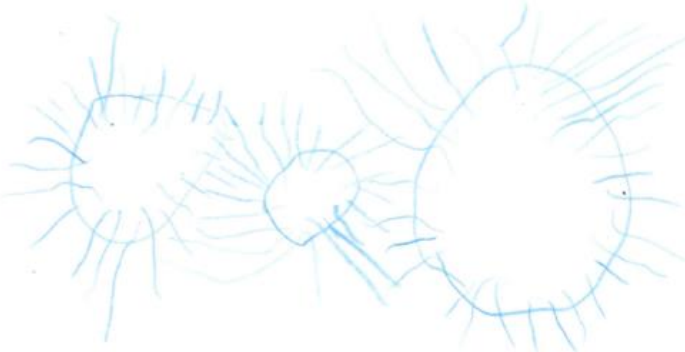
Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 18 th Nov	KS1 Cinema Trip and YR Cinema Experience (at school)
Wed 27 th Nov	Tour for prospective Ridgeway parents 1.30pm (2 nd date) Open sessions for prospective Gayton parents/carers of current Y2 children – 9.30-10.30am or 1.45-2.45pm – please let the Gayton office know if you wish to attend.
Thu 28 th Nov	Reception Classes Christmas Craft afternoon – parents and carers invited to join in 5.15pm Phonics Workshops for all parents/carers
Fri 29 th Nov	9.00am Phonics Workshops for all parents/carers Non-uniform day for all children – in return for a donation of a tombola prize for the Christmas tombola!

Writing Showcase

Firework Poem

WC: 4.11.19



POPO

* Independent writing

* Hand and write sounds

* Use Fred fingers independently

This week's fantastic firework writing is by Logan in Class 3.

Logan's writing has been chosen because he worked so hard to concentrate on the sounds in the word he could hear and then was able to write each sound by himself!

Mrs Nawaz was particularly impressed with Logan's focus on this task and his excellent effort to apply his knowledge and skills to write about fireworks.

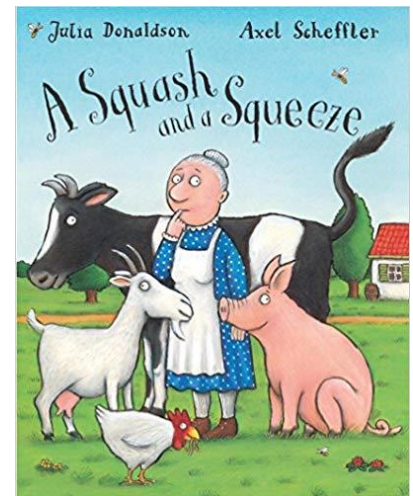
Well done Logan! 😊

BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Muir has chosen **A Squash and a Squeeze!** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler for our weekly Book Look.

Miss Muir says "This is a rhyming book and I love books that rhyme because I like to hear the children joining in with the rhyming and repeating parts! Julia Donaldson is my favourite author too. I really like the illustrations of the animals in this story.

The book is about a lady who takes advice from a wise old man who helps the lady to appreciate what she has."



From Miss Muir (Class 5 Teacher) 😊