



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 24th January

This Week:

- A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Open Phonics Lessons last week. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in classrooms. The children certainly did enjoy showing off to you! We have already received a number of feedback slips back in school with comments saying how useful the session was and a few giving some helpful suggestions for next time. If you haven't yet returned your slip, please do so.
- Thank you to all of our Year 2 visitors to our robot exhibition on Friday. The children have had such fun this week designing, making and decorating their junk model robots! The laughter and smiles we saw in classrooms this week was wonderful and some of the imaginative ideas I saw were fantastic! Thank you for your support in sending in lots of materials for us to work with and for supporting our exhibition event. I am sure you have found somewhere special to keep your robot friend at home!
- A message from Mr Simpson, our Learning Mentor...
Hello everyone! I wanted to let you know that we now have a Family Visitor linked to our School. Her name is Michelle Northedge and she is based at the Rosehill Children's Centre. Michelle has asked that I pass on some information about the free sessions and support groups that are held in the Children's Centres across the city and invite any of you who feel they might benefit you to come along.
 - *Autism Drop In group – For families who have a child on the autistic spectrum. Run by the Centre's own autism champion.*
 - *The Incredible Years – A course which helps parents who are encountering behaviour struggles with their children. 2 hours a week for 14 weeks.*
 - *Let's Talk – An 8 week programme for families who have children with speech and language delays.*
 - *Stay and Play Sessions – An opportunity to meet and chat with other parents whilst little ones play.*
 - *The Freedom Project – A programme set up to support those who have experienced domestic abuse.**If you would like any further information about the services mentioned, please feel free to contact me. Michelle will also be attending the parents evening on 5th March if you would like to speak to her directly and learn more about the services the local Children's Centres can offer.*

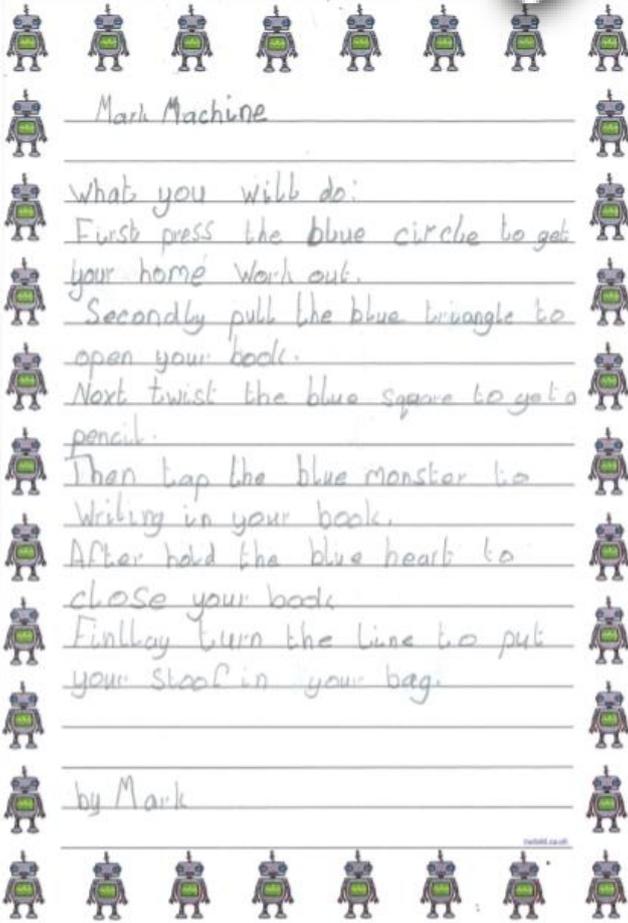
Coming Up Next Week:

- We have a very quiet week in school next week. Many of our staff are attending training sessions and carrying out observations of colleagues. These professional learning opportunities help us to ensure we can provide the best possible educational experiences for your children.
- Parents and Carers are welcome to stay and read with children in class on Friday morning from 8.45-9.10am. Please just enter school with your child through their usual door. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 10 th Feb	Computing Day
Tue 11 th -Thu 13 th Feb	Class 1,2,3 heights/weights checks
Thu 13 th Feb	Valentine Discos
Fri 14 th Feb	Tea & Toast 8.15am School Closes for half term

Writing Showcase



This week's writing is by Mark in Class 9.

Year 2 children are learning about robots this half term and have designed some amazing robots! Mark has written instructions how to use his robot, "The Mark Machine", an imaginative creation that will complete your school work for you!

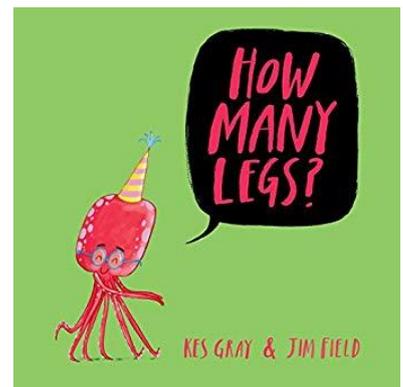
I am very impressed with his neat and careful presentation, attention to punctuation and clear structure. Mark has used lots of adverbial phrases to add detail such as *firstly*, *finally*, *in your book*, *in your bag*, which gives clarity to the reader by adding more detail.

Well done Mark! If you ever design a robot like this in real life, I am sure you will have no shortage of customers! 😊

BOOK LOOK!

This week Mrs Hadfield has chosen "How Many Legs" a book by Kes Gray & Jim Field for our weekly Book Look.

To help children identify and get to know authors, we have a collection of books by a number of different authors that classes can borrow for a half term. This book is from our Kes Gray author basket.



When asked why I loved this book, I said "It's just REALLY funny!" and it really is. In fact, Jim Field has won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize for another of his books. This is a hilarious counting book about lots of animals coming to a party and it makes great links with maths skills too. Children loved trying to keep count of the number of legs attending the party! I hope you enjoy it!

From Mrs Hadfield 😊