



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 31st January

This Week:

- This week you should have received a letter detailing a very exciting visit from 5 times British Champion triple jump athlete, Laura Samuel, who will be visiting school on 28th February! Laura will lead a question and answer session and demonstrate her athletic skills. All children will take part in a 'sponsored circuit' with Laura as a way to promote sport and exercise, have fun and raise money for school too! The deadline for returning sponsor money is 24th Feb, so please be generous if you are able! If you have any questions about this, please contact class 1 teacher & PE Leader Miss Williams at rwilliams@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
- This week we have also sent out letters about our upcoming Maths workshops for parents and carers on 27th and 28th February, one of which will be attended by Tom Hunt from Derby University who is supporting us in our work to reduce maths anxiety in our children. Please do return the slip if you are able to join us. After half term we will once again be offering Maths Open Sessions where you can come and join in with a Maths lesson alongside your child. These open sessions will be held on 17th - 19th March. Watch out for a letter about the open sessions after the half term holiday.
- We have been looking into the possibility of purchasing another storage container for school (as we have an extreme shortage of storage space in school!). This container would probably be located beside the container in the Reception garden at the back of the main school building. However, in order to place it, we have been advised to lay some paving slabs so that the container is not sitting directly onto grass. If anyone has a few left over paving slabs from garden projects in the garage, please could I ask you to consider donating them to school? If you can help at all please let your child's class teacher, or Mr Morris know. Thank you in advance.



Coming Up Next Week:

- Next week is Children's Mental Health Week! During the week children will have the opportunity to take part in different activities aimed at promoting mental health and mindfulness. To support the work of Place2Be, a charity dedicated to improving children's mental health in schools, we would like invite children to wear something yellow on Friday 7th Feb and in return we will collect donations for the charity. Look out for a separate letter with more details soon.
- 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 Fire Service visiting Year 2 School Closes for half term

Writing Showcase



This week's writing is by Nadia in Class 1.

This term, children in our Reception classes have been learning all about bears and reading lots of bear stories.

Nadia has written some information about bears. She has written that Bears have claws, bears can swim and that they live in the forest. Factually accurate and well presented in three lovely sentences with a full stop to show where each sentence ends. Nadia told me how she had used her Fred fingers to work out the sounds she needed to write each word and she has tried hard to leave spaces between each word.

bears have claws.
bears can swim.
bears live in the forest.

Well done Nadia! A future career in zoology maybe? 😊

BOOK LOOK!

This week Mrs Comasky has chosen **"Wonky Donkey"** a book by Craig Smith & Katz Cowley for this week's Book Look.

This is a well-known book that shot to fame after a video of a Granny struggling to read it through tears of laughter went viral on the internet! If you haven't seen it, it really is a challenge to read it out loud without laughing!

Mrs Comasky says "This book makes everyone smile! Having read it in assembly to everyone, it's been requested again and again by lots of classes who all enjoy trying to join in with the rhyming (in between giggling - a lot!). There's also a sequel now called Dinky Donkey and I'm looking forward to reading that to the children soon."

From Mrs Comasky 😊

