



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 7th February

This Week:

- We are delighted to welcome a new teacher to our Ridgeway team – Miss Emily Bryan will be joining us to cover Miss Ainger's maternity leave after February half term. Class 8 children have received a letter about opportunities for parents/carers to meet Miss Bryan next week, as she will be in school for the whole of the week in class and getting to know the children.
- Thank you to everyone who has already returned their responses to attend the upcoming maths workshops. If you have returned your slip, you are on the list so please just come along on the day! No confirmation slips will be sent out. If you have not yet returned your slip please do, so that we can make sure we have a large enough room and enough chairs for everyone. Many thanks.
- We have already had quite a few winners on our school lottery! Congratulations if you were one of them! Of course, the more tickets we sell, the larger the prizes will be, so if you haven't yet bought your tickets, please do consider it! The national lottery provides grants to worthy causes from successful applicants, but you can be sure that the proceeds from our school lottery come directly to Ridgeway (and I hope you agree that we are a very worthy cause) to help us to fund those little extras for our children, such as playground equipment! You've got to be in it to win it, as they say!
- This week we have received advice in school on managing the coronavirus. The advice is:
 - Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
 - Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
 - If you have arrived back from China within 14 days, follow the specific advice for returning travellers.This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including coronavirus. You can find out more at www.gov.uk/coronavirus. We are ensuring all children to wash their hands at appropriate times in school too.

Coming Up Next Week:

- On Monday all children will be taking part in a computing day! A range of activities have been planned to give children plenty of opportunities to develop their computing skills in different areas.
- On Thursday Year 1 parents are invited in to school to watch their dance show! Please wait outside the main entrance and we will be opening the doors to you as soon as we can after the start of the school day.
- Our Valentine Discos will be held on Thursday evening. Reception Disco 4.30-5.15pm and Year 1 and 2 Disco 5.30-6.30pm. Tickets are selling fast so if you haven't yet got yours, there are still some left.
- Everyone is welcome to join us for Tea & Toast on Friday from 8.15-8.45am.
- 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!
- The fire service will be visiting Year 1 on Friday to carry out a controlled burn of our Tudor houses as part of our history learning on the Great Fire of London and demonstrate how a fire break works. We hope this will be a very exciting and memorable experience for the children.
- Year 2 will be going on a local walk on Friday to look at the human and physical features of our local area. If you see us out and about please give us a wave!
- School closes on Friday 14th February for half term and reopens on Monday 24th February.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Thu 27 th & Fri 28 th Feb	Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers – Tom Hunt speaking on Fri on Maths anxiety
Fri 28 th Feb	Athlete Laura Samuel in school all day – don't forget your sponsor forms by 26.2.20

Writing Showcase

How to make a tasty sandwich for a nice King

This week's writing is by Arbis in Class 8.

As part of their Robots topic, children have been learning about algorithms and in English, they were asked to write instructions to make a dish suitable for a fictional character.

Arbis' writing has been chosen because he has used the correct structure for instruction and has written each one in the present tense. His spelling is excellent and he has made good attempts at spelling tricky words. Arbis has also used adverbs of time to help structure his instructions and correct punctuation. Well done Arbis! I think your sandwich sounds delicious! 😊

Do you have a nice King.

What will you need

Sweets, Chocolate chips, Candy, Chocolate cake, hot chocolate, marshmallow and Haribo.

First, get 2nd slice of bread in a plate.

Secondly, get 1st of hot chocolate and put it in a bread.

Next, put some marshmallows in the bread.

Then, put haribo in the bread.

After that, fold the bread to the last bread.

Finally, eat it

BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Baldwin has chosen "The Book With No Pictures" a book by B J Novak for this week's Book Look.

Everyone at Ridgeway knows that this is Miss Baldwin's favourite book! The children beg her to read it over and over again. You might think a book with no pictures is boring, but you'd be wrong because everything written in this book has to be read, even if the words say **BLORK** Or **BLUURF**.

Miss Baldwin says "This is one of the funniest books out there to read, it has children (and adults) smiling and roaring with laughter. It can turn the reader into an instant comedian! This book will help children to understand to 'never judge a book by its cover' and words can be as fun and as interesting as pictures.

Top tip: read in as many silly voices as possible!
Enjoy!"

From Miss Baldwin 😊

