



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 14th February



This Week:

- We all said goodbye to Miss Ainger today who begins her maternity leave after the half term holiday. We wish her lots of luck with the rest of her pregnancy and hope she enjoys spending time with her new little one when the time comes!
- I know many Class 8 parents have taken the opportunity to meet Miss Bryan, the new Class 8 teacher this week. Miss Bryan will be teaching in Class 8 Mon 24th Feb so if you haven't yet had a chance to say hello, please do when you can! She is eager to meet all of her new families.
- Thank you to everyone who has already returned their sponsorship for the upcoming GB athlete visit – we have had some amazing responses from some families! If you haven't yet managed to ask family and friends for sponsorship, there is still time during the half term holiday as the last day that we can receive sponsorship is the first day back after half term – Monday 24th February. Thank you very much for your support.
- Computing day was a big success with lots of children enjoying exploring, coding, de-bugging and having fun with technology!
- Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Year 1 dance performance. The children have loved learning all about Great Britain and really enjoyed performing their dances for you.
- Year 2 enjoyed a local walk this morning around the streets close to school and Sunnydale park looking for human and physical features of our local area.
- The fire service visited Year 1 today to carry out a controlled burn of the Tudor houses the children had made as part of their learning about the Great Fire of London. It was very exciting watching the fire and I'm sure the children will remember this for a long time!
- The Valentine Disco was well attended and everyone looked splendid in their Valentine's party clothes! Well done to Riley, Marlowe, Musaab, Ava-Mae, Rhys and Evie – our prize winners for the best dressed competition!
- A reminder that school closes today for one week and re-opens on Monday 24th Feb

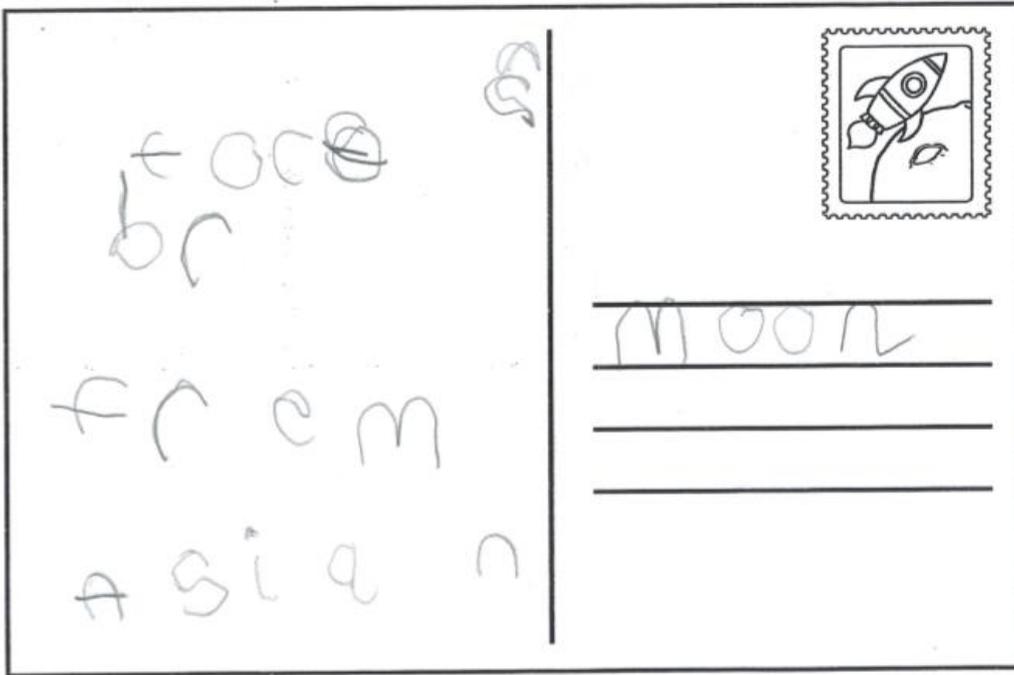
Coming Up After Half Term:

- On Thursday 27th (5.15pm) and Friday 28th (9.00am) February, all parents/carers are welcome to attend a Maths information session. This will cover the curriculum coverage and methods taught in school. On Friday there will be an additional session delivered by Tom Hunt from Derby University who will be joining Mrs Harford-Smyth to talk about Maths Anxiety and provide strategies that might be useful at home. Please return your slip if you have not already done so.
- Laura Samuel, the GB Triple Jump silver medallist will be in school on Friday 28th Feb working with children to complete their sponsored circuit.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Week Beginning 2 nd March	Book Fair Arrives in School
Tue 3 rd & Thu 5 th March	Parents/Carers Consultation Evenings
Thur 5 th March	World Book Day – Come dressed up as your favourite book character! Year 1 Celebration of Dance Show (pm)
Fri 6 th March	Year 2 Celebration of Dance Show (am)
Week Beginning 9 th March	Science Week
Thur 12 th & Fri 13 th March	Cycle Derby visiting Year 2

Writing Showcase



This week's writing is by Anisa in Class 2.

This term, Reception class's topic was 'Bears, Bears Everywhere!'

Anisa chose to write a postcard to the Class 2 bear who is on the moon. She wrote "Class 2 Bear, from Anisa" and even addressed correctly to send it to the moon!

We are very proud of Anisa's writing because

she chose to do this herself. She worked really hard to choose the right sounds for the words she wanted to write, and has shown that she has learned how to write some letters correctly too! Wow Anisa! What a superstar! ★

BOOK LOOK!

This week Mrs Comasky has chosen "The Tale of Jack Frost" a book by David Melling for this week's Book Look.

This is a great choice this week, especially since we had some surprise snow! David Melling is a very popular and well-loved author-illustrator. His other titles include Hugless Douglass and Knight Tales.

Mrs Comasky says "This is a magical tale about a little boy who turns everything he touches into ice! He encounters unusual but friendly creatures who help him to deal with the rude and naughty goblins who always make the wrong choice (And make disgusting noises and smells!!) The illustrations are beautiful and the children really hang on every word and picture; wondering what's going to happen next!"

From Mrs Comasky ☺

