



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## This Week:

- Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to join us for the maths information sessions this week. We hope you found the sessions useful and we look forward to seeing you at the open maths sessions in a few weeks' time. All of the information used within the meeting is now on the website.
- TESCO Bags of Help – We are delighted to say that Ridgeway Infant School will be taking part in the TESCO Bags of Help fundraising scheme in April and May! TESCO shoppers will be able to vote for Ridgeway with their blue tokens every time they shop in store. We will be awarded either £2000, £1000 or £500 to spend on sensory equipment for school. Please tell all of your family and friends and get sharing the news on social media! If you don't already, please consider switching to TESCO for a couple of months to top up our tokens - every little helps! 😊
- This week Shrove Tuesday marked the start of lent. During an assembly, the children were introduced to a '40 acts of Lent' calendar. If you would like to join in at home, there is a copy attached to the e-copy of this newsletter. Alternatively, you can find a copy on our school website.
- As we all enjoyed taking part in the Derby Picture Book Awards last year, we have applied to be part of the 2020 awards. Unfortunately, we were not chosen this year, but I am happy to say that we will still be shadowing the book awards. Watch out for more information about the brilliant books that have been shortlisted this year as we have just received a copy of each in school.
- We had a great day today with GB athlete Laura Samuel! Laura inspired everyone with her assembly at the start of the morning and we were all very active completing our sponsored circuits later on in the day! Everyone did brilliantly and had lots of fun too! Thank you to everyone who sponsored our children – although some of the money raised will be paid to fund the work of the athlete, we have raised an amazing total of £1295.50!

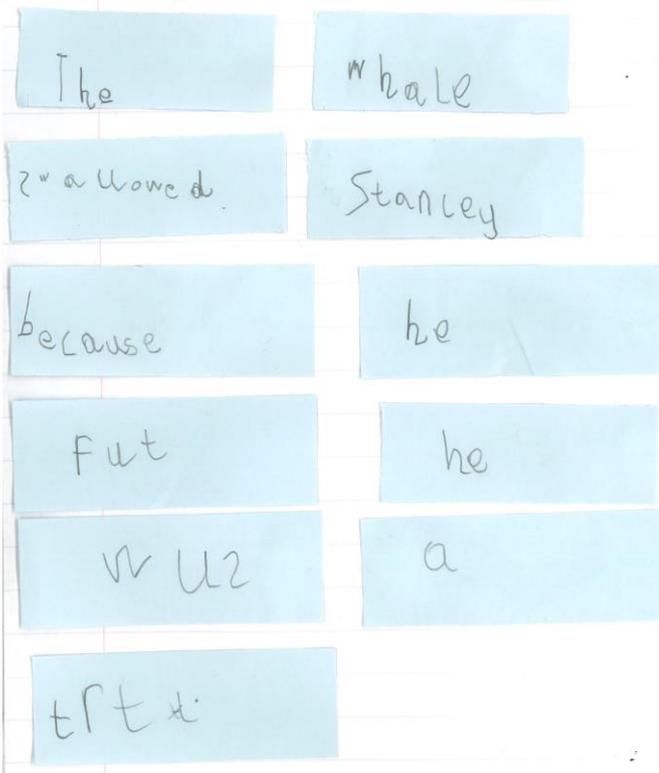
## Coming Up Next Week:

- This term, Year 2 children are reading a super book called "Somebody swallowed Stanley" as part of their topic about environmental issues and sustainability (see our Book Look for more information!). On Monday, Year 2 children will be making sea creatures out of carrier bags in preparation for our author visit from Sarah Roberts on Tuesday. Please send in any donations of carrier bags for our art work on Monday!
- A reminder that Parents & Carers Consultation Evenings will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March next week. These meetings are important, so if you are unable to attend, please do let us know as it may be possible to reschedule. Thank you.
- Next week is World Book Day! On Thursday, all children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. We can't wait to see which book character you have chosen! We will be having a very bookish day, sharing stories and of course doing lots of reading!
- The book fair is in school all week! You can visit until 6pm on parents/carers evenings Tue and Thur and after school until 4pm on Mon and Wed. Look out for a separate letter about a book signing event from a real life author on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
- On Thursday and Friday some of our Year 1 and 2 children are performing in this year's celebration of dance at the Riverside Centre in Derby. Good luck to everyone!

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Week!
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Cycle Derby in school visiting Year 2
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Maths Open Sessions – Parents & Carers invited
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 visit Newmount Church
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 2 Faith Trail

# Writing Showcase



This week's writing is by Opal in Class 7.

As part of their topic, "Will the World Last Forever?" Year 2 children have been reading about Stanley, a plastic bag that gets eaten by a whale! Children wrote about the story in English lessons.

I was particularly impressed with Opal because she has been trying really hard to remember to leave a finger space between each word in her sentence. Here you can see she composed her sentence and wrote one word on each card to help her see where the spaces should be. Then she wrote the sentence out leaving lovely finger spaces! I don't know how the whale got confused, I don't think Stanley looked anything like a turtle! Well done Opal! I am super proud of you! 😊

The whale swallowed Stanley  
because he future wuz atftt

## BOOK LOOK!

This week I have chosen "**Somebody Swallowed Stanley**" a book by Sarah Roberts & Hannah Peck for this week's Book Look.

*Sarah Roberts has written a wonderfully powerful story book, perfect for teaching us all about environmental issues. Poor Stanley's adventure is more of a misadventure when he gets mistaken for a snack by the creatures of the sea. Written by an animal behaviourist and environmental campaigner, this book has already opened up discussions in classrooms about single use plastics and what we can all do to protect our marine wildlife. This book is perfect for reading aloud with its wonderful rhythm and repetitive text. Year 2 definitely recommend this book!*

From Year 2 😊

