



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 6th March 2020

This Week:

- On Monday, Mrs Harford-Smyth delivered an assembly to the whole school about the importance of personal hygiene and handwashing. Children have been encouraged to sing the song of 'Happy Birthday' whilst washing their hands to ensure they are washing thoroughly, including the top of their hands and in between their fingers. We have also ordered additional antibacterial soap and hand wipes for classrooms and plenty of tissues to catch coughs and sneezes. We have also increased the cleaning intensity around school daily to keep any illnesses to a minimum. We are constantly receiving updates from the DfE about Coronavirus and will of course communicate any key messages with you promptly. If you have any concerns regarding any members of your family, please contact 111 to get advice.
- On Tuesday, all Y2 had an awesome day with Sarah Roberts, the author of Somebody Swallowed Stanley. She delivered interactive workshops to all classes throughout the day and spoke passionately about her work to do with caring for the environment. She even performed a new book she has written that is yet to be published that included real life pictures of her adventures of observing bears. It was great to also have Sarah with us during the Book Fair on Tuesday as she signed books for lots of children. We still do have copies of Somebody Swallowed Stanley that Sarah has signed if you would still like to purchase your own copy!
- Thank you to all of our Parents and Carers who were able to join us this week for our second Parents/Carer consultations of the year. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your child's books and celebrate their achievements! 😊
- A HUGE well done to the Y1 and Y2 children who took part in the Celebration of Dance this week at the Riverside. They have been true superstars performing with such confidence to a large audience! Thank you to Miss Williams, our PE Leader who organised the event alongside Mr Simpson, Miss Watson, Miss Flint and Yasmin, our Lunchtime Sports Coach.
- Another HUGE well done to all of our winners of the 'Best Costume' for World Book Day on Thursday. It was great to see so many amazing costumes and it was certainly a hard decision for the judges!
- Just to remind you that we 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! 😊

Coming Up Next Week:

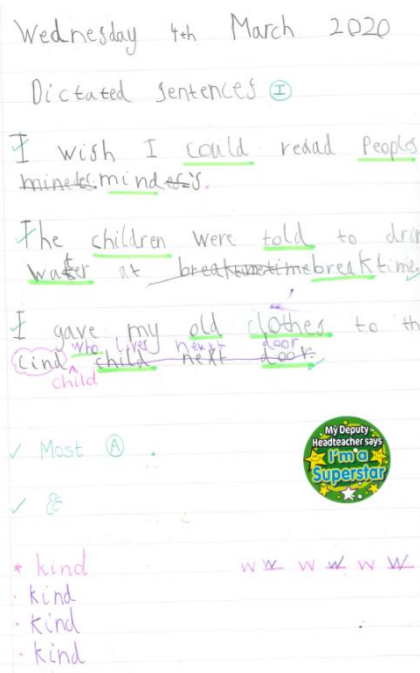
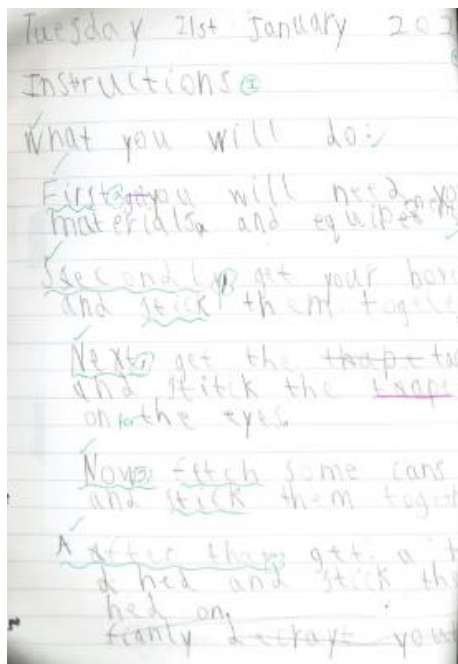
- As next week is National Science Week, we will be dedicating a number of days next week to Science where the children will be working in mixed year group teams enjoying a variety of science activities and experiments.
- On Thursday and Friday, we will be welcoming Cycle Derby into school to work with our Y2 children.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

W/C 16 th Mar	Maths Open Sessions – Parents & Carers invited
Fri 20 th Mar	Mother's Day Gift Sale
Tue 24 th Mar	Year 1 visit Newmount Church FORS Quiz Night; 6pm-7pm
Thu 26 th Mar	Year 2 Faith Trail Y2 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting at 5.15pm
Fri 27 th Mar	Y2 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting at 9am

Writing Showcase

This week's writing is by **Oliver in Class 7.**



Oliver came to the office to show off his work as Miss Ellis was particularly proud of all the hard work Oliver has been showing recently to improve his handwriting. You can clearly see the progress Oliver has made from a piece of writing in January to now. We are also super proud of Oliver for using his purple pen to correct any little mistakes that he made as we all know that making mistakes is a key part of learning! 😊 Well done Oliver!

BOOK LOOK!

This week, instead of the focus being on a particular book, we wanted to celebrate the three authors that were focussed on as part of World Book Day in each year group. Please see below the authors and books that children explored and enjoyed reading:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Nadia Shireen Bumblebear Hey Presto! The Cow Who Fell To Earth	Sue Hendra No-Bot Norman Barry	Dr Seuss Cat in the Hat Mr Brown Can Moo Can You? The Lorax

As much as children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character, so did the staff . . .

