



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 30th November

We are desperate for swimming volunteers on Friday mornings! If you can help at all, please let us know!

This Week:

- This week Year 2 enjoyed a Victorian afternoon which involved experiencing life as a rich or poor Victorian child. Poor children polished shoes, sorted buttons and decorated cakes. The rich children learned a dance and had etiquette lessons before being served with the decorated cakes. Don't worry - I hear that the poor children may have pinched a cake for themselves before they had to serve them to the rich children!
- Children in Reception enjoyed a Christmas Craft Afternoon with their families this week. Everyone enjoyed making paper chains, lanterns and Christmas trees. Our apologies to Mr Morris and our amazing cleaning team who will be trying to get the glitter out of the carpet for the next few weeks.
- This week was our second tour of school for the parents and carers of children starting school in Sep 2019. It was lovely to meet our prospective families and we hope that we see them next September.
- Miss Bailey ran two parent/carer information sessions focussed on Phonics and helping your child at home. All the information shared at the meeting will be on our website in the next couple of days in the 'Parents' tab. Look out for invitations to join in with a phonics session next term.
- This week our children have begun to think about their Christmas Concerts. Children in all classes are busy learning lots of songs but some children may also have individual lines to learn. May we ask that if your child has lines to learn that you remind them to practise saying their words in a loud (but not shouty), clear voice? This week, instead of their usual Learning Log activity, children in Year 2 are being asked to practise their concert lines or a song from their show. A 'proper' Learning Log activity will be sent home next Friday for Y2. Y1 Learning Logs will be sent home as usual this week. Thank you 😊

Coming Up Next Week:

- Next week, one of our governors, Mrs Reid, will be joining us to carry out a learning walk. This is one of the ways that we monitor the quality of teaching and learning in classes. Next week, the focus will be on writing.
- Year 2 children are getting excited to visit Sudbury Museum of Childhood next week. Class 8 and half of Class 7 will be visiting on Wednesday, Class 9 and half of class 7 will be visiting on Thursday. We encourage all children to come to school dressed in their Victorian outfits (please don't bring it in a bag as we are leaving school at 9am). This helps children have a really hands on experience on the day.
- Mrs Morris would like to remind all of our parents and carers that you can now report your child's absence by emailing absence@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk if this is more convenient than telephoning school. We still ask that you email or call us by 9am if your child will be absent that day. We will still call to check on the wellbeing of any children who are not in school with no reason given.
- Looking for a different kind of advent calendar? Why not try the Kindness Calendar on the back of this letter?

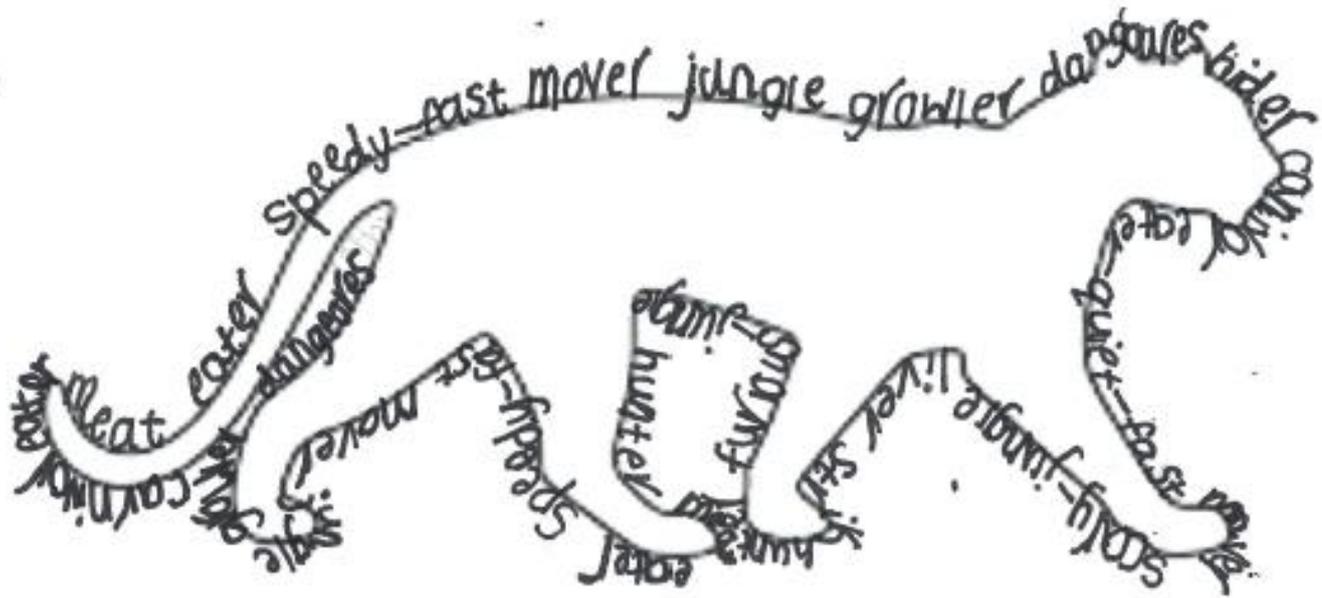
Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 10 th & Tue 11 th	Year Reception Height & Weight Checks
Wed 12 th Dec	Year Reception Adventure Farm Trip
Thu 13 th Dec	FORs Festive Fun Event - Visit Santa & Christmas Sing-a-Long (free - all welcome)
Mon 3 rd Dec	Children invited to make a decoration at home and bring it in to decorate our Christmas Tree any day from 3 rd Dec – more info to follow
Mon 17 th Dec	Class 4 concert 9.15am, Class 2 concert 2.15pm, Class 7 concert 4.00pm
Tue 18 th Dec	Class 5 concert 9.15am, Class 3 concert 2.15pm, Class 8 concert 4.00pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day! Class 6 concert 9.15am, Class 1 concert 2.15pm, Class 9 concert 4.00pm
Thu 20 th Dec	Tea & Toast 8.15am Xmas Party Day – all welcome to wear Christmas jumpers! School Closes
Fri 21 st Dec	School Closed - INSET

Writing Showcase

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

This poem was written when children were learning about kennings, poetic features which use two word phrases in place of a single word. This poem is made up of noun-verb phrases to create a descriptive poem about a tiger. It was chosen because he thought carefully about word choices, and took time to present his poem so beautifully. Perhaps your child might like to write a kenning poem about their favourite animal!





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	01 Make a Christmas card for an elderly neighbour	02 Say something kind
03 Ask someone to play with you on the playground	04 Smile at everyone you see	05 Make a new friend / speak to someone new	06 Give someone a cuddle	07 Ask someone to play	08 Be helpful to your friends	09 Share your toys when you are playing
10 Pick a piece of rubbish up off the floor	11 Help someone who is stuck	12 Give a compliment	13 Tell a joke to cheer somebody up	14 Phone a relative you haven't seen for a while	15 Open a door for someone	16 Put some food out for animals in your garden
17 Write a thank you note to somebody in your class	18 Let someone go in front of you in a line	19 Draw someone a picture / make someone a card	20 Do a secret act of kindness for someone	21 Teach somebody a new skill e.g. dance, how to draw etc.	22 Donate something to the local Food Bank	23 Tidy a room in your house
24 Leave some mince pies for Father Christmas.	25 Have a Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30
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