



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We strive to be a peace-full school that our whole community can be proud of, where we work together (share) through mutual reliance and support (trust) so that all can fulfil their potential (aspire) in a world where everyone's God-given talents, skills and experiences are recognised and valued (respect).

'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER— 14th May 2021

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

Starlings have had such a lovely week this week. We started the week introducing our new story, an old favourite, The three little pigs. the children enjoyed getting into role as the pigs and the wolf. They used the construction area to build their own houses but these were not safe with the big bad wolf on the prowl, she tried to blow them down.

Starlings enjoyed a walk to see the bluebells with Swallows class, a trip to the ice-cream parlour and some yoga. We have spent a lot of time in the garden making pies in the mud kitchen, playing hide and seek and building a pirate ship.

This week in Swallows, the children started off the week by releasing our four butterflies that we had watched grow from caterpillars into beautiful butterflies! This caused much excitement and the children really enjoyed setting them free.

In English we have started to learn our new story 'Mr Big' which the children are really enjoying. The children have learnt to orally retell the story using actions and they are now all ready to begin writing it next week, we are very much looking forward to seeing what they produce!

We have also started our new Science topic which is Living Things and their habitats. The children are always very keen to learn in Science which is great to see and we will keep you posted on the various things they have been up to over the next few weeks. As part of Mental Health Awareness week, along with the rest of the school, we took a walk in nature up to the bluebell woods.

This week we published our Non-chronological reports on the Rainforest. This means Robins have produced a fantastic booklet to share with the rest of the school. (See Facebook for photos.) We used our research skills in history to learn more about Maya gods. We find lots of information about their names, abilities and appearance and

produced fact files on our favourites. In Science we started our new topic States of matter and used a Kahoot! Quiz to see what we already knew. Robins love a good quiz! With all this learning we still made time to think about our mental health and how connecting with nature can help us. We all enjoyed a walk through Ripley to the waterfall and woods.

We are such experts at inference now in Robins! Using props we have been suggesting a huge variety of exciting predictions as to what our new English text could be about... we can't wait to find out if we were right! We continue to investigate the 2,4 and 8 times tables in maths and using the halving and doubling patterns we have discovered to solve problems. This week in computing we created a branching database using yes and no questions.. not as easy as it sounds! Our PSHE topic of 'Healthy Me' found us exploring the sugar content of some of our favourite foods and discussing what a healthy diet might look like.

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	98.1%	98%	97.78%
Year	98.04%	98.85%	97.55%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. \* figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
28th May 2021	School Closes Non Uniform Day
7th June 2021	School Re-opens
WC 14th June 2021	Class Photos (Group not individual except Starlings or if requested)
6th July 2021	Sports Day 1pm. In the event of bad weather we will move it to Friday 9th July, 1pm. Parents welcome
21st July 2021	End of Year Performance 5pm
23rd July 2021	Leavers Church Service
23rd July 2021	Leavers Assembly - All year 6 Parents welcome
23rd July 2021	School Closes



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## WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK Cont....

This week in Falcons we've chosen our end-of-year production, it'll be called Star Warts and it's based on a slightly-famous film franchise. The children are VERY excited, although we won't be allocating roles or rehearsing till after half term at the very earliest but it's something exciting to look forward to for us all! Of course we can't guarantee that we'll be allowed to perform it in front of an audience, as Covid restrictions may still be in force, but the hope to perform it for parents and carers in the village hall. More updates as we get them! Other than that, we've of course had our ukulele session, started writing up our FANTASTIC Maya reports (some of which run to 3 pages!), learn about the Maya number system and city states, done some yoga in PE, been for a splendid woodland walk, nailed fractions in maths AND really enjoyed our Wizards of Once story. Phew!

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness that Mr Williams has decided to leave Ripley Endowed for pastures new at the end of the Summer term. Mr Williams has been at the forefront of Ripley's team and has worked tirelessly to motivate our children, develop our staff team and instil our Christian ethos and values through an extremely difficult time. He has also worked positively with all of our families. We will all really miss Mr Williams' sense of humour, calmness and passion for teaching, but please join us in wishing him all the very best for his future ventures.

## FAKEAWAY SCHOOL DINNER - 20TH MAY

On Thursday 20th May, the dinner menu for that day will be replaced with a 'fakeaway' menu. A copy of the menu is attached to the Newsletter. All those down for a school dinner that day will automatically be put down for the chicken option. Please contact Mrs Randall if you would like the alternative or if you wish to order a school lunch that day, if normally on packed lunch.

## UK PARLIAMENT WORKSHOP KS2

Next week, our KS2 children will be taking part in a live parliamentary workshop on the 20th May via Zoom. There will be two events taking place, an Introduction to Parliament and Laws and Debating. The children will learn about the work and role of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They will learn about the difference between UK Parliament and Government, the work of MPs and members of the House of Lords, how laws are made and how they can get their voices heard. The children will also be introduced to how laws are made and who makes them. They will explore laws that can affect us all, follow the progress of a Bill through the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and take part in a virtual debate. We think that this will be a very interesting experience!

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Notice from the Department for Education** - Summer term attendance expectations for schools School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance. As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

**Reporting Absences** - If your child is unwell and will not be attending school please ensure you let the school office know by 9am. You can either telephone and leave a voicemail message stating your child's name and reason for absence or email Mrs Randall with the same information. You must contact school before 9am each morning of their absence.

**Lateness** - It is compulsory that your child arrives at school on time. If they are late into school (after the register is taken) this has to be recorded and will affect your child's attendance record.

**Covid 19** - Whilst some restrictions are lifting may we please remind you to be vigilant with your children. If they are feeling unwell and present with any Covid symptoms, please do not send them to school and obtain a test. All Parents who enter the school premises are required to wear a mask at all times.



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## ★ S.T.A.R of the Week ★

Congratulations to all our stars of the week who have demonstrated our 'Aspire', 'Respect' and 'Share' Star qualities this week.

Falcons: Theo for 'Aspire'. You're always smiling, always trying your very best every single lesson (even when it might not be your favourite!) and just never give up when things get tough. Brilliant!

Robins: Erica for 'Respect'. Erica, you are such a resilient learner! Through your determination you show great respect for yourself and others; you know you can succeed by putting in effort, as well as working with your friends. We are proud of you!

Swallows: Lewis for 'Share'. Lewis was a great support to his peers in computing this week. He showed great kindness and was extremely helpful to others which was great to see, well done Lewis!

Starlings: Edward for 'Respect. For your polite, caring, and respectful nature. Well done!

## Weekly Awards

**The House Captain Award this week  
go to....**

Ingelby - Jenson

Nidd - Freddie

Brimham – Gracie-May

**The House Points Award this week go to....**

Swallows - Lewis (Ingelby) Charlie (Brimham)

Robins - Tommy (Brimham)

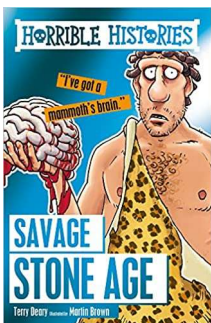
Falcons - Samuel (Nidd)

**Our Super Sentence Winner in Swallows this week is.... Jacob!**

# Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is Horrible Histories - Savage Stone Age

Recommended by Freddie Y6



'Because Horrible Histories are very funny and always have a lot of facts. My favourite is Savage Stone Age' - Freddie Y6

Readers can discover all the facts about the Savage Stone Age including:

what they used instead of toilet paper,

why a hole in the skull is good for headaches

and how to make a Stone Age mummy.

As featured on BBC Bitesize, and refreshed with a fantastic new design, these bestselling titles are sure to be a huge hit with yet another generation of Terry Deary fans.



Reading gives you  
wings.



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## SAFEGUARDING



Ripley Endowed is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week

This year the theme is Nature and how connecting with the natural world can support good mental health.

**Monday** marked the launch of Mental Health Awareness Week, the UK's national week to raise awareness of mental health. The week, which is hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, is in its 21<sup>st</sup> year and runs from 10-16 May.

This year, the theme for the week is 'Nature'. Across the country, people will be celebrating the mental health benefits of being around nature in their local community in a range of digital and creative ways.

We've had class assemblies and been out for a school walk to 'get in touch with nature'. Here are some top tips to help you do so too:

- Find nature wherever you are – seek it out if you have to
- Connect with nature using all your senses
- Get out there to enjoy nature
- Bring nature inside if you can't get out
- Exercise outdoors
- Combine nature with creativity – dance, music, art
- Protect the nature around you

For lots more information and inspiration, visit

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Mr Gary Williams - Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160 or Mrs Lisa Jackson-Ward - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160/01423 504642/01423 770576.