



# RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where we Aim for the STARs (Share, Trust, Aspire, Respect)

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER– 16th April 2021

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

WOW! A huge welcome to our new Pre– School Starlings, who have had such an amazing first week. The home corner has been extremely popular, baking being the main theme throughout the week.

We ventured into the garden and explored the mud kitchen and the digging area where we planted some seeds in the sun. Starlings have predicted what they are going to grow into, with suggestions such as carrots, flowers and even a giant... we will keep you posted!

Starlings are not the only new arrivals this week. We have some caterpillars that the children have named Angel, Apple, Ava, Henry and Tom. We are watching them grown at a rapid speed.

With their clear love of baking, we ended the week by drawing some baking instructions, before testing our skills out by following our methods to make, bake and decorate some real cupcakes. What a fantastic first week Starlings. We are super proud of you!

Swallows have had a fantastic first week back and we were very excited to welcome our new pre-schoolers. Our Year 1's and 2's have been working hard on making fact sheets about Edith Cavell, which are

looking great. With Mrs Sidley the children have also enjoyed doing tennis in P.E and she is very impressed with all their tennis skills! In art we have started a new topic on sculptures, and in Maths all the children have continued to work really hard on their space missions (SMIRFS).

What an enthusiastic start to this new term from Robins class! We have been captivated making predictions about, and then revealing, our next English text 'The Great Kapok Tree', and our new Guided Reading book 'The extraordinary life of Greta Thunberg'. To quote one of the children; "We are the mighty Robins and our ideas are just pinging!" In maths we continue with our number focus by exploring subtraction strategies, and using our brilliant calculation vocabulary to explain our findings. We have also started our fielding and striking skills focus in PE, with our children demonstrating some lovely sportsmanship.

In History we have started a new topic learning about the ancient Maya civilisation. We identified where and when the Maya people lived and with great amusement to Robins, created a toilet paper timeline.

Although Mr Williams has been away this week, Falcons have had a brilliant time, and we'd like to thank Mrs Fraser for teaching the class in his absence. This week we've learned (and played) an ancient Mayan ball game called pok-a-tok, started our new book in English (which is all about a Mayan boy who's great at pok-a-tok), plugged some multiplication gaps in our maths lessons, started our Mayan topic in history (no surprise there!), continued our class story The Wizards of Once and looked at 3D modelling in computing. Not bad for a 4-day week!

### ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	99.4%	100%	98.61%
Year	97.88%	98.98%	97.28%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%.

Congratulations to Robins for 100% this week.

\* figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday - School Closed
28th May 2021	School Closes
7th June 2021	School Re-opens
23rd July 2021	School Closes



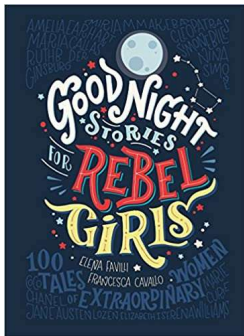
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## Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo

Recommended by Mrs McGrogan



The all-female team behind a pioneering book called Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls are confronting the tired, patriarchal narrative head-on. It sets out to challenge gender stereotypes and inspire young girls to aim high in their career goals... The book was launched via a stratospheric Kickstarter campaign that drew worldwide attention.

What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut? What if the jealous step sisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one



Reading gives you  
wings.

really in charge of the kingdom? Illustrated by sixty female artists from every corner of the globe, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don't need rescuing.

### Comet Club

What a fantastic week we have had launching our before and afterschool wraparound care. From next week we will have a theme to each evening which is as follows:

Monday - Outdoor fun and games

Tuesday - Baking

Wednesday - Movie night (the light snack this day will be hotdogs and popcorn)

Thursday - Lego

At breakfast club children are offered a healthy and nutritious breakfast of cereal, toast/bagels and water or milk.

At evening club children are provided with a light meal, which includes things like; hotdogs, beans on toast, soup, paninis, pasta, and for dessert; yogurts, jelly, fruit, baked goods. This is just an example of the kind of light meals offered and is subject to change weekly.

Breakfast club is £5 and runs from 8 - 8.45am.

Evening Club is £11.50 and runs from 3.15pm - 5.30pm. Late collection fees are £2 per 15 minutes before 6pm and £10 per 15 minutes after 6pm.

Bookings should be made on a booking form available from the school office and where possible be completed on a termly/half termly basis. Occasional bookings should be made a minimum of 24 hours prior to needing it to ensure we have the right staffing ratio and sufficient food.

Payment should be made via Parentmail Pay before each session is taken. For those paying with vouchers, please e-mail Mrs Randall to discuss in more detail if you haven't already done so.



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## Starlings

Welcome Starlings' Parents to your first week at Ripley. It's been wonderful seeing the children settle in so well. As communicated earlier today, you will start to get information through over the next week in relation to Parentmail/ParentmailPay. Once this is all set up, Mrs Randall will email you further details and explain the app as there will be a few forms and permissions for you to complete on there. You will also receive your first invoice for this term by the end of next week. Please ensure this is paid by the **30th April**. For those wishing to pay using Child tax Free Credit, please email Mrs Randall with details. We are in the process of setting up accounts with different providers which should be available in the next week or so.



## Star of Week



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

Falcons: Kaycie-Jade for 'Respect' . Whilst Mr Williams has been away, you've been amazing: polite, respectful, hardworking and full of positivity. Keep it up!

Robins: Aoife for 'Aspire'. You have demonstrated true ambition across all your learning this week Aoife! You have been focused and determined, and this has really paid off with some lovely writing, enthusiastic maths and great teamwork in PE! Well done you!

Swallows: Isabella for 'Aspire'. Isabella always works extremely hard in everything she does and is a fantastic role model to the rest of Ripley School, well done Isabella!

## SAFEGUARDING

**We all want to keep our children safe.**

You've probably already talked to your child about things like crossing the road safely, as outlined in our previous Newsletters, but have you spoken to them about how to stay safe from sexual abuse? We know it's a conversation no parent wants to have, but with the help of the NSPCC, we believe it can feel just as natural, and be just as easy, as the road safety chat. They call it talking PANTS. From P through to S, each letter gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe.

For further information and guidance about how to talk to your child about staying safe from sexual abuse, please find attached a copy of The Talk PANTS Guide for Parents by the NSPCC.



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## Friend of Ripley School

A huge thank you to the Friends for the money they are giving us towards the New Geography resources we have just purchased. The children are going to have so much fun using it to enhance their learning.

Full details of this Terms fundraising activities will follow in the next few weeks.

## Church News

We are back! Please find attached a Newsletter from Revd. Paul Harford detailing all services and changes in line with the lifting of some COVID restrictions.