



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— 21st May 2021

WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

This week Starlings transformed their classroom into the 3 bears house from Goldilocks featuring the porridge, chairs, and beds. The children have enjoyed taking on the role of the bears and Goldilocks to retell the story through imaginative play. They have also used the mark making area to draw pictures from the story.

Inspired by our theme this week, the children made their own teddy bear pancakes for snack, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

On Tuesday whilst the sun was shining we were able to release our butterflies. It was so lovely to see them spread their wings and the Starlings were very excited to see them fly off.

In Swallows, we have been learning the story of Mr Big in English, and this week the children have worked extremely hard to write the whole story and they have all done brilliantly! All the children really enjoyed writing it and were really proud of the writing they produced as were we!

We have also started our new topic in Science which is Living Things and their Habitats. This week the children were learning about what living things need to survive and learnt the difference between living things, things that used to be alive and things that have never lived. The children did a fantastic job to sort things into these three categories. As ever they are always very keen to ask questions and to find out as much information as possible which at times puts the staff to the test!

In PSHE as part of our 'Healthy Me' topic the children were learning how to cross the road safely and even had a go at acting out our mantra which is: Think first, stop, use your eyes and ears, wait until it's safe to cross, look and listen, arrive safely.

This week Robins have been grammar-tastic! They are taking prepositions, apostrophes and adverbials in their stride and having fun using them in their descriptive writing. We continue exploring multiplication and division, this week comparing the 3,6, and 9 times tables. These developing mathematicians are getting very good at spotting patterns and using them to solve problems. We have had super discussions in RE comparing how different religions celebrate and show their beliefs, and in PSHE exploring healthy choices and healthy attitudes.

In science we looked at the properties of solids, liquids and gases and really enjoyed acting as particles to show the differences between them. (See our fantastic video on our Facebook page.) We also enjoyed PE on the field as we started our Athletics topic. We were able to demonstrate quick reactions and rapid acceleration in running races. We also investigated 'which is the best way to start a race?' With most of the class choosing the standing position.

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	99.05%	100%	99.44%
Year	98.08%	98.91%	97.64%

Each week we publish the attendance from September for each class. Our aspirational target for each class is 97%. Congratulations to Robins for achieving 100% this week. * figures exclude pupils off self isolating.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
28th May 2021	School Closes FORS Non uniform for £1 and Sweetie Stall
7th June 2021	School Re-opens
11th June 2021	Royal Tea Party Party Wear
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



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WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK Cont....

This week in Falcons we have watched and talked about our new English stimulus text (which is actually a short film) called Wishgranter. We've written our own poems about it, and you can hear the pupils reading them out on their Seesaw account – try it, they did really well! We are also starting to look at making our own films in English: weather permitting! We've also started our science unit, Properties of Materials, which looks at gases, solids and liquids, continued reading our wonderful class story and guided reading book, designed our own 3D objects in computing, and released our beautiful butterflies (Bert and Ernie) into the wild! Phew!

SWALLOWS - UKULELE AND PE

From next Thursday (27th) it is Swallows turn to have class Ukulele lessons each week. Ukulele lessons happen on the same afternoon as PE and the turnaround window is very small. Therefore, every Thursday from now until the end of the Summer term, please can we request Swallows wear their PE kit to school on that day. Kits will be sent home every Tuesday evening, should be worn to school on Thursdays (only) and then brought in every Tuesday morning ready for the Tuesday afternoon PE lesson. We appreciate that this is not ideal, however it is the only way we can fit both Ukulele and PE lessons into a Thursday afternoon. Many thanks in advance.

RETURNING TO NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS

From Monday 7th June, we will be returning to our normal drop off and pick up times from school. All children should now arrive at 8.45am and be collected at 3.15pm. With this in mind, can we please remind parents that social distancing guidelines remain and you should continue to use the queuing system in place. Parents are also reminded that when entering the school buildings, a mask should be worn at all times.

A ROYAL TEA PARTY

In honour of the Queens birthday on Friday 11th June, Mrs Atkinson will be hosting a Royal Tea Party Celebration, in place of the normal dinner menu that day. A copy of the menu is attached to this weeks Newsletter (please note that the quiche will be replaced with Pizza). If your child is normally on packed lunch that day and would like a Celebration lunch instead, please contact Mrs Randall by Friday 28th May. In addition, for a donation of £1 we would like to invite children to wear their most regal party outfit for the occasion, fancy dress, your best shirt or a pretty dress, anything that is appropriate for a royal celebration goes!

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Yes!! It is the return of Ripley School's Sunflower Competition. This evening your child will bring home a letter and envelope containing some sunflower seeds for you to grow at home, so you can join in all the fun. This was a huge success last year and we would love to see photographs of your beautiful sunflowers growing over the summer. In September prizes will be awarded for the tallest sunflowers. Don't forget to keep measuring your flowers as they grow and submit measurements and photos via Seesaw.



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★ S.T.A.R of the Week ★

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

Falcons: Elora for 'Aspire'. You've absolutely flown since coming back from lockdown – your effort, dedication, resilience and self-belief has improved beyond measure. Keep it up!

Robins: Fraya for 'Aspire'. Fraya, you are showing a really determined attitude towards your learning and we have noticed your increased confidence in class discussions too, which is brilliant to see. Keep it up! We are proud of you!

Swallows: Marcus for 'Aspire'. Marcus has worked extremely hard on his story writing this week which has resulted in a fantastic piece of writing, well done Marcus!

Starlings: Penelope for 'Aspire'. You are always willing to try new things and you persevere even if something is challenging to begin with. Well done!

Weekly Awards

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

Ingilby - Bella. For being kind to others.

Nidd - Sam. For being a great House Captain
(nominated by the Vice Captain).

Brimham - Melody. For trying her best in class.

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

Falcons - Josh (Ingilby)

Robins - Niamh (Nidd)

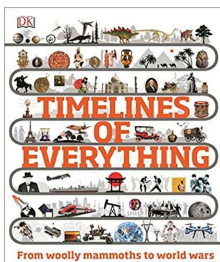
Swallows - Lewis (Ingilby)

Our Super Sentence Winner in Swallows this week is.... Joseph!

Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is A Timeline of Everything by DK and Smithsonian Institution

Recommended by Mrs Coe



From the Big Bang all the way through to the digital age, this incredible visual encyclopedia for children shows you just about everything that has ever happened in history.

This educational book is an imaginative way of illustrating world history for children aged 8 and over. Throughout the pages, your child will get to meet the most bloodthirsty pirates of all time and discover what happened during the storming of the Bastille. It's a fantastic book for young readers with a natural curiosity about history around the world.

Find your place in the world and understand where you fit in. Whether you want to discover the history of cinema or fashion, aviation, or espionage. There's something for everyone in this glorious guide through global history!



Reading gives you
wings.



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FRIENDS OF RIPLEY SCHOOL

On Friday 28th children are invited to attend school in non uniform for a donation of £1. In addition, we will also be hosting a sweetie stall towards the end of the day and are asking parents if they could donate any sweets by the end of Wednesday 26th May. Please hand all donations into the school office. Further details and pricing will be texted to parents next week.

SAFEGUARDING

Child-Friendly Anti-Bullying and Behaviour Policies

As you are aware, we have Anti Bullying and Behaviour Policies in place which are available on our website.

We decided it would be useful to all the children if we also created child friendly versions of these policies.

Class teachers have worked through the policies with the children this week, and every child has been given their own copy of each policy.

Please can we ask that you also take time at home to read through them and talk about them with your child.

Copies of both of these documents are attached for your information and if you wish to discuss anything or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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.