



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 – 25th June 2021

WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK

Ducklings have spent a lot of time outside this week exploring the outdoor learning areas.

Number 5 has been our number of the week; they have been practicing writing and recognising the number throughout the classroom. This inspired the children to play shops selling and buying objects. We discussed what they would like to sell in their shop. Cakes and food were the most popular. We spent the morning pricing cakes, looking at money and buying cake.

The children enjoyed exploring the different workshops (share, aspire, trust and respect) on Faith Day, they particularly enjoyed getting involved with the rest of the school in the Trust exercise and watching the blind folded obstacle race.

This week in Swallows the children have been busy writing the story we have been learning about in English: The squeaky story. We haven't quite finished them yet but they are already looking great, and we are looking forward to seeing the finished product next week!

In Science the children have been learning about microhabitats, so we went on a microhabitat hunt in our very own school garden! The children were surprised at how many microhabitats we have and

thoroughly enjoyed being Science detectives!

Robins fractions learning journey continued this week as we start to work with unit fractions, comparing and ordering, as always demonstrating our brilliant reasoning skills. Our story writing focus in English has got off to a great start as we explored the structure of the short film 'Hunted' and planned and wrote the narrative. We started our new Geography topic studying Greece, using Google Earth and atlases to locate the country, seas and Islands.

Another great afternoon of cricket skills down on the field for all of KS2 this week - super teamwork and planning!

This week in Falcons was a lovely mix of the academic and creative – with SPAG tests, more marvellous maths (ratio and proportion), and some FABULOUS biography writing alongside some very thoughtful PSHE and lots of singing practice. We even did our first script read-through, and have dance rehearsals Friday afternoon. Craig Revel Horwood had better watch out!

FAITH DAY

This week the whole school celebrated Faith Day where the children took part in four workshops to learn about the four elements of our Ripley Star: Share, Trust, Aspire and Respect. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the workshops and could all confidently say what they had learnt about in each one. As part of the Faith Day the children wrote prayers and made them into boats which we set sail in our own mini pond in the garden. The whole school took part and it was a great way to close the day. On the following page is an overview on what the children did in each of the workshops. Check out our Facebook page for lots of pictures of the day.

ATTENDANCE

	Swallows	Robins	Falcons
Week	98.1%	97%	96.67%
Year	97.48%	98.69%	97.48%

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
5th –9th July	Enrichment Week
6th July	Sports Day - Cricket Field 1pm
9th July	Hesketh Farm Trip
19th July	Leavers Church Service
21st July	End of Year KS2 Production 2pm and 5pm Town Hall.
23rd July	Last day of Term, Leavers Assembly



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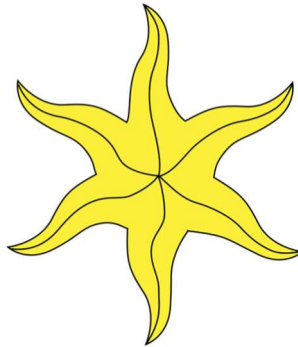
FAITH DAY CONT...

SHARE

The Share workshop was led by Mrs McGrogan. Together we thought about what 'Share' means to us, considering what we can share and using our PSHE Jigsaw 'Healthy Me' learning, to talk confidently about things that are unsafe to share, such as personal information online, prescribed medicine, and even toothbrushes! We listened to one of our favourite bible parables about the loaves and the fishes and spotted so many examples of sharing. Finally the children enjoyed their own tasty sharing activity!

TRUST

Faith day was a fabulous chance to really think about what our core values mean, and TRUST was the value Mr Williams explored in the workshop he led. We started by sharing of the beautifully-illustrated picture book A Pair of Red Clogs, and discussed its themes of honesty, trust and the burden of not doing the right thing. We then put this into practice with some trust games – catching our partner when they fell backwards and then helping our blindfolded partners navigate an obstacle course. All in all we had a ball, whilst realising just how vital trust is to working together, and how honesty really is the best policy.



ASPIRE

In this workshop, led by Mrs Kippax, the children listened to the story of David and Goliath, learning how the shepherd boy defeated a tall strong trained soldier. David later became King David and wrote the songs and poems in psalms. After the story, the children decorated stones, tying into the story and how David used stones and a sling to defeat Goliath. The children painted their stones with a letter or design that they felt represented the Aspire star values. The children ended the session learning an action song 'Be bold, be strong for the Lord your God is with you'. The children took away that if you put your Trust in God you can Aspire to achieve great things and overcome any challenges that come your way.

RESPECT

In the Respect workshop led by Mrs Sidley, we started by listening to Aretha Franklin's famous song 'Respect' to see if the children could work out what we were going to be learning about. We then discussed what Respect means and how to be respectful to not only each other but also to property and the environment, we also discussed what it means to be disrespectful. The children then played a dice game in pairs where they rolled the dice and whichever number it landed on determined what they had to talk about i.e. if it landed on a 1 they had to discuss with their partner how they show respect to their parents, or if they rolled a 2 they had to discuss how they show respect to themselves etc. We then finished with the story of the Good Samaritan which illustrates how to be respectful to others.

Update for upcoming events

SPORTS DAY - 6th July

Whilst we are still able (weather permitting) to invite parents to watch our school sports day, as the current restrictions are still in place, we will be unable to offer any parents participation in the races and places will be limited to 2 people per household. The cricket field will be open from 12.30pm where a member of staff will direct your household to your allocated coned area. We politely ask all household pairs to remain in their allocated areas and remain 2 metres apart from other households at all times. With the exception of using the toilets, which will work on a one in one out basis, we ask that you do not move around the field. We will do everything we can to ensure you are able to see most events and greatly appreciate you adhering to these guidelines, in order for us to safely comply with Government regulations and allow parents to attend. Please arrive prior to the first event commencing at 1pm.

On the day, children will be competing in their House Teams. Therefore, we ask that your child, where possible, wear a t-shirt in their house colour. If anyone is unsure of their House, each child has written it in their Reading Books/Journals today. House colours are: Nidd - blue, Ingilby - yellow, Brimham - green.

Mrs Atkinson will be providing a Sports Day themed lunch on the 6th. A copy of the menu is attached to this week's Newsletter. If your child is normally on packed lunch and would like a school dinner, please notify Mrs Randall by Tuesday 29th June. Please note that for this week only, the menu for Monday the 5th will be sausage and mash instead of potato bake.



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ENRICHMENT WEEK LUNCHES 8th & 9th JUNE

Mrs Atkinson will be providing packed lunches on the 8th and 9th of June due to Ripley's Got Talent/Picnic Lunch and the Hesketh Farm Park trip. If your child is not normally on school dinners and would like a packed lunch provided that day, please let Mrs Randall know by Tuesday 29th June.

HESKETH FARM

A reminder that tonight is the deadline to pay for the Hesketh Farm Park trip. If you would prefer to pay by cash, please contact Mrs Randall by 12pm on Monday.

RIPLEY'S GOT TALENT DAY

Hopefully everyone has been practicing for their 5 minutes of fame on Thursday 8th July when we present Ripley's Got Talent as part of Enrichment week. Whether it's singing, dancing, magic, poetry or a short play, why not take to the stage and perform for the judges to win the title of Star Performer in Ripley's Got Talent? If being centre stage is not for you, then why not enter the Bake Off tent and bring in your star bake? Or hang your work of Art in our Artists corner. Children can enter all 3 competitions or just one. Performances can be of a solo or group nature, but should not exceed 5 minutes. The theme for the Bake Off Tent is 'Wimbledon or a quintessential British Summer'. The theme of the art competition is 'Hope'. It can be a drawing, painting, sculpture or craft piece, but should convey a message of hope as we start to hopefully ease restrictions and come through the last 15 months.

KS2 PRODUCTION - STAR WARTS. WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE

As you know we will be performing our summer production, Star Wars, on Wednesday 21st July, which the children are all incredibly enthusiastic about. Until we receive the next update on the government guidance and whether restrictions will be lifted further on the 19th July we are unable to confirm final arrangements for our audience for the production.

We are hopeful that we are able to allow parents to watch the performance in some capacity and will provide further information once we know more on the 19th. If restrictions are lifted and we are able to perform to an audience, we will need to follow certain guidelines and prepare for the event as if it is going ahead, in advance. Therefore, we will be scheduling two performances on Wednesday 21st July, one at 2pm and one at 5pm. Tickets will be free but limited to 2 per household and KS2 parents will be prioritised. Booking for KS2 parents will open up early next week via ParentMail and then 3 days later will open up to KS1 parents. A text will be sent out to parents when booking goes live.

LEAVERS CHURCH SERVICE AND YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Parent attendance for these events will be limited to Year 6 Parents only, if restrictions allow. Full guidelines will be communicated nearer to the time. In the event that we are unable to invite parents, we will stream both events live.

YEAR 6 ZORBING

Please can all year 6 parents complete the Zorbing permission on ParentMail by Wednesday 30th June.



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EUROS 2020!

The wooden spoon award for fewest points goes to Turkey - Sorry Ellison and Joseph who got Turkey in the draw, however you do get the sort after wooden spoon award and packet of sweets as a consolation prize! Group top scorers with 8 goals are the Netherlands - Congratulations Seth and Isabella. The most cards in the group stage with 8 yellow and 1 red goes to Poland - Sorry Mrs Walker, Henry and Emily. Enjoy the sweeties!

In which Euro host city would you find this amazing building? Look closely for any clues. Send your answers on Seesaw or comment on our Facebook page.

Did you guess last weeks city? Lots of the children got this straight away. It was of course, Copenhagen.

WHERE IN THE WORLD?



Friends of Ripley School

On Friday 2nd July, we will be hosting a movie night from 3.15pm –5.15pm for children in Reception - Year 6. The cost will be £4 and will include a drink and snack. Tickets will be limited to 30 seats and will be on a first come first serve basis. Tickets will go live on ParentMail at 6pm tonight (Friday 25th June). Please note that in order to attend, you must have already completed the PG Film consent form sent out in April.

Governors Update

Thank a Teacher Day 23rd June 2021

The Governors wanted to take the opportunity to thank our whole school teams on Thank a Teacher Day.

I'm sure all our parents join us in saying a big THANK YOU



Church News

Join Sunday Stars on Sunday 27th June for fun, games, worship and praise. We meet in Ripley Town Hall at 10.30am, allowing time for parents/carers to make their way to All Saints' Ripley for the service at 10.45am, if you choose to do so. Children will join the congregation in church towards the end of the service, and are to be collected from there. If you plan to attend, we ask that you please book in advance to help us plan for a fun and safe morning - you can find links to the necessary forms on our website theunitedbenefice.org.

Please note: due to current Covid limitations, parents/Carers cannot accompany children for the duration of the session in the Town Hall unless in exceptional circumstances.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday - children of all ages welcome!



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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', 'Respect' and 'Share' Star qualities this week.

Falcons: Annalise for 'Aspire'. Well done for outstanding work at all times, whatever the weather. Be it in lessons you know you excel at (English) or those you think you struggle with (maths) you always give your best. Well done and keep it up!

Robins: Halle for 'Respect'. Halle, you have such an upbeat approach to school-life and always endeavour to be respectful to others and your environment. What a positive influence and great role-model you are!

Swallows: Jacob for 'Respect'. Jacob always works really hard, he consistently makes the right choices and is a great role model to the rest of his classmates, well done Jacob!

Ducklings: Henry C for 'Share'. You have had a lovely week choosing your own learning and joining in with the rest of the class. You showed great interest in number work and selling cakes in the shop. Well done, I am so proud of you!

Weekly Awards

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

Nidd - For working hard in Faith Day

Brimham - Frankie for listening well on Faith Day

Ingilby - Jensen for trying hard and joining in on Faith Day

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

Falcons - to be carried over to next week

Robins - Isla (Ingilby), Seth (Nidd), Niamh (Nidd)

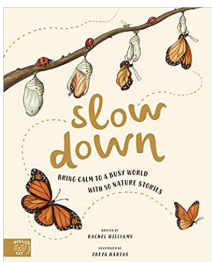
Swallows - Albert (Brimham)

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

Ripley's Recommended Reads

This Weeks Recommended Read is Slow Down

Recommended by Joseph in Reception



'Everyone should read this book because I love it! My favourite part is the egg embryo's. I like all the pictures in the book' Joseph YR

All around us, nature is turning, growing...and working. Every day, hour by hour, magical transformations happen right in front of you. But it's not always easy to see them... Discover 50 nature stories, paused just long enough for you to watch them unfold.

Then go outside and explore... and see what you find when you take the time to slow down.

Please remember to write in your child's journal after listening to them read every evening. Each time your child reads they receive an entry into the Monthly Reading Challenge prize draw. The more they read, the more chances they have to win.



Reading gives you wings.



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Safeguarding

What is the importance of sleep?

A good night's sleep is essential to feeling good, being able to learn and staying healthy. A lack of sleep can make you feel poorly, unable to learn and not want to go out with your friends and family. If you, or your child, is struggling to get a good night's sleep, follow these top tips:

1. Think about your bedtime routine - What time do you go to bed? If you are going to bed too late, you will not get enough sleep. Try bringing your bedtime forward by 20 to 30 minutes at a time.
2. Make sure you are tired before going to bed - the less time you have to spend awake in bed, the better.
3. Have at least 15 minutes of quiet time before going to sleep so that your body and brain can relax and prepare for sleep.
4. Don't use your phone or computer before bed - this can stimulate your brain and make it more awake.
5. Try having a lukewarm bath as this can help your body to relax.
6. Try to go to bed at the same time every day once you have a settled routine.
7. Choose a relaxing activity before bed, such as reading or listening to calm music.
8. Create a cosy environment. Is the room dark enough? Is the room at the correct temperature... not too hot and not too cold? The amount of sleep that your child is recommended to have is based upon their age.

Do you know how much sleep your child needs?

The NHS recommends the following:

Age	Amount of Sleep
5 years	11 hours
6 years	10 hours 45 minutes
7 years	10 hours 30 minutes
8 years	10 hours 15 minutes
9 years	10 hours
10 years	9 hours 45 minutes
11 years	9 hours 35 minutes

Your child's bedroom

Your child's bedroom should ideally be dark, quiet and tidy. It should be well ventilated and kept at a temperature of about 18 to 24 degrees. If you can, fit some thick curtains to block out any daylight, especially now as the days are getting longer.

If you have tried these tips, but your child is regularly having problems sleeping, you may feel that you need further support. You can speak with your GP or health visitor who may be able to provide additional information. Of course, you are also very welcome to speak to a member of staff at school.



If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact:

Mr Gary William - Designated Safeguarding Lead on 770160 or Mrs Lisa Jackson-Ward - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01423 770160/ 01423 504642/ 01423 770576 in Mr Williams absence.