



RIPLLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 8th January 2021

Update from Mrs Jackson-Ward

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, if we didn't have enough to contend with, we now have snow! Whereas before we would put all the children together with the staff who had managed to arrive, obviously this time we are trying not to mix everyone. That is why we will open at 10am if the snow is significant i.e. 2-3 cm on the roads. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Our first week back has gone as well as can be expected. We have so much more understanding and experience of online teaching this time round and the children have got to grips with this very quickly. They truly are stars! I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for your children to engage with the learning through Zoom and Seesaw. For their mental health and wellbeing, our children need to be up and dressed and ready for learning in the morning, they need to have some down time and they need a good night's sleep. This routine will benefit them when they return to school. Any worries or problems, please do let your class teacher know immediately. They are contactable via the admin emails.

We have our wonderful teaching assistants supporting the critical worker children and there will be a teacher onsite each day in our schools. I am working my way around all our schools as normal and am contactable on my Headteacher email or via the phone - our school administrators are in school and they can always track me down!

Do be kind to yourselves; be patient and if you are finding things stressful, give us a ring and we will do what we can to help.

Have a lovely weekend,

Lisa

Swallows Class Update

This week on Seesaw the children have been working really hard on their number bonds and addition and subtraction skills. For English the year two's have been learning about a very funny poem called "The Quangle Wangle's Hat!" Which they have really enjoyed.

All children have been learning about animals as part of our Science and we have seen some great zoo pictures that the Reception children have made. The Reception children have also been using their recycling to help them count, sort and create some artwork.

Don't forget to join Mrs Walker for story time on Monday at 2.30pm and all our Year 1 and 2 children will have received a zoom invite for Phonics on Monday morning. We look forward to seeing you all (virtually) on Monday but please remember to keep those microphones on mute. What could possibly go wrong!



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Robins Class Update

Let's face it; this is not the start to 2021 that we'd all hoped for! However, we have to take inspiration from our amazing children who are consistently cheerful, enthusiastic and ready to learn!

Robins have been on fire this week with their on-line learning. We have seen great maths learning adding and subtracting with exchanges, terrific imaginative vocabulary work exploring the jungle, and some lovely descriptions of our special places as we start this term's RE journey, comparing demonstrating spirituality through art and architecture or charity and generosity.

The children have also been drawing with Rob Biddulph, children's author and illustrator. They have created excellent drawings of robins for our Seesaw class logo.

Falcons Class Update

Well, what a week that was! After being all prepared for the new term, we are back to Seesaw and online learning! A well done to those who have given their best on every task – it really does make a huge difference.

This week we have started our audiobook Codename Bananas by David Walliams, and it'd been a huge hit so far. We've also looked at the skeleton in science, and started our Illustrated Guide to Elves in English. Maths has been all about factors and multiples, and we'll be starting fractions in a week or two. Can't wait!