



# RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – 5th February 2021

### Update from Mrs Jackson-Ward

Dear Parents and Carers,

One more week to go before half term. I am sure you are as excited as us!

It is extremely important that we all totally switch off from learning during the holiday. Ensure that next week is a ‘finishing off week’. Wrap up the little bits of unfinished learning and have a final push to keep on top of the activities posted by our staff.

Enter the holiday with a clear mind and a resolve to chill and enjoy a week away from Zoom and Seesaw! Let our children wind down, rest and relax and then we can all start the next half term with great gusto!

Next week are parent consultations and, with the promise of more snow, our telephone conversations could be disrupted! Should this happen, our teachers will send out a zoom invite and if you could enter the waiting room a couple of minutes prior to your time, our teachers can end one call and then admit you. All I can say is, it should work – fingers crossed!

This weekend why not build a den? Make a bird feeder from a four-pint milk bottle. Why not grow your own veg? Carrots are good to plant now. Whatever you do, simply have a splendid weekend.

Lisa

### Reading Eggs

Over the next week, Swallows and Robins will be sent a log in code, via seesaw, for Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs is an online app/resource, that makes learning to read interesting and engaging for kids, with great online reading games and activities.

We know how much our children love to read and how important it is, and as we are currently unable to send books home, we thought we would trial this exciting alternative.

Children will love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which, along with feeling proud of their reading, really motivate children to keep exploring and learning.

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

Congratulations to all our stars of the week who have demonstrated our ‘Aspire’ and ‘Share’ Star quality this week.

Falcons: Arthur for ‘Aspire’ - For his fabulous creative writing – not just this week but every week since lockdown. Keep going!

Robins: Seth for ‘Share’ - Seth, not only have you been working really hard at all your learning, but we’ve noticed that you are always ready to support others, sharing praise and kindness with your classmates, and your teachers! You are a star, and we are proud of you!

Swallows: Joseph for ‘Aspire’ - Joseph has worked extremely hard on his writing over the last few weeks, and we are so impressed! Well done for being a superstar and keep it up!



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## Swallows Class Update

Another fantastic week of home learning in Swallows. In R.E this week the Year 1&2's have been learning all about Christian weddings and what happens at the ceremony. In Science to finish off our animal topic the children have been learning about the human lifecycle and labelling body parts. We have also been inspired by the winter season and have been going on winter walks and making some brilliant winter scene pictures by collecting things outside linked to winter and sticking them on their picture as well as painting and drawing.

Along with the rest of the school, we have been doing activities linked to National Storytelling week and Mental Health week.

## Robins Class Update

Robins; you continue to be amazing! Well done for some magnificent mathematical multiplication learning over the last few weeks, and for transitioning seamlessly into your new topics of area and money! We continue to be so impressed by your writing as you work on your 'Robin' story - some terrific use of ambitious vocabulary. Our Guided Reading text 'The Iron Man' has us all gripped, and we are really enjoying designing and planning a 'dream' garden in our PSHE learning. We finished our history unit with learning about the history of holidays and toys this week. We have shown what confident readers we are by sharing our favourite stories with each other. We took some time out to reflect and express ourselves. We have produced some fantastic 'proud clouds' and superhero pictures showing what amazing superpowers we all have.

## Falcons Class Update

This week in Falcons we've been delving into the bizarre world of Edward Lear, looking at his nonsense poems and limericks, and writing some of our own. We've also been creating wallpaper designs inspired by William Morris in art, learning more about how the body moves oxygen around the body, thinking about The Great British seaside holiday, and how it's changed over the years, made bible-inspired posters in RE, listened to more Codename Bananas storytelling, and fiddled with fractions in maths. Phew!