

Ridgeway Primary School

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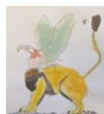


2017—2018 Happy New School Year!



Welcome back to start of another busy and exciting year at Ridgeway Primary School. We have a new teaching line-up in new classrooms with new class names.

We want all of the children to feel part of their education, to have ownership of their journey and feel part of a team, so this year all of the classes have a unique identity. At the end of last year the children chose a theme for the classes; Mythical Creatures. Each class will also have a motto / chant about what the expectations for that class are, this will be said to start the day in each class. I am sure this is going to be a **fantastic** year.



Reception	The Dragons	Mrs. Naylor
Year 1	The Unicorns	Mrs. Tingle & Mrs. Wilkinson
Year 2	Team Pegasus	Miss. Evans
Year 3	The Griffins	Mrs. Seaman & Mrs. Taylor
Year 4	Team Phoenix	Miss Trotter
Year 5	The Yetis	Mr. Pilkington
Year 6	The Thunderbirds	Mr. Townsend

We are...



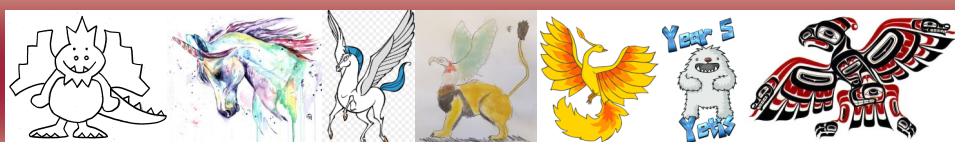
Team Ridgeway

Homework!

We want the children to settle back into school well and get into routines quickly. However, we have decided to not set homework until week three (later for children in Reception). We have agreed what homework will be set across school to try and balance the need for homework and the fact the children need time to relax, attend clubs and be kids! The task should take children between 15—30 mins. depending on age.

- ◇ Reception—reading (10mins x 4 times per week) and 1 additional task.
- ◇ Year 1 & 2—reading (10mins x 4 times per week), spellings, times tables and 1 additional task.
- ◇ Year 3 & 4—reading (15mins x 4 times per week), spellings, times tables and 2 additional tasks.
- ◇ Year 5 & 6—reading (20mins x 4 times per week), spellings, times tables and 2 additional tasks.

The times tables to practise will be stuck in the inside cover of your child's Homework Book, but there is no need to provide written evidence of practice, this will be judge during tables tests in school. PTO.



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Homework Continued...

The spellings to learn will be posted on the class pages of the school website (which will launch soon!) and not sent out in paper form. Sometimes spelling and additional tasks will be linked to form one piece of homework.

With reading, please ensure all reading is signed in the reading diary and remember even Year 6 children should read to an adult weekly! Also, we have made changes to the Reading Regiment to hopefully make it easier for everyone to participate and to give children more of an incentive to pick up a book! Information about the new system will follow next week, so watch this space. Even though homework isn't being set until week 3 we would like children to start reading as soon as books come home.

Head Boy & Head Girl

We are proud of all of the children in Year 6 but, as per school tradition, we select a Head Boy and Head Girl each year. The letters of application were extremely high quality and it was a difficult decision.

Congratulations to Harry & Darcie who are our new Head Boy & Girl, I know you will do the school proud.

Rewards and Sanctions



You should have received an overview of the new school rewards and sanctions. We, as a whole school community, are committed to the view that all children are entitled to be accepted, respected and valued as individuals – being happy, safe and able to learn. We believe that with this comes the responsibility to behave appropriately and to show respect and consideration for the rights of others. We hope the changes we are putting in place will ensure pupils are rewarded for their good behaviour and also follow consistent and fair sanctions if behaviour is not at the expected standard. We are proud of the high standards of behaviour demonstrated by our pupils. We aim to ensure that this positive ethos is maintained and nurtured by all those who belong to our school community.

And Finally!

I would like to thank Turtle Builders for their support and work over the summer and to the wonderful staff for spending INSET days and many, many holiday days moving furniture, organising new classrooms and creating inspirational learning environments.

Attendance

This week's top attendance...

1st	The Thunderbirds (Y6)	100%	
2nd	Team Pegasus (Y2)	98.7%	
3rd	Team Phoenix (Y4)	97.2%	

Whole school 95.6%
0.5% Below our target (96.1%)

Diary Dates

Mon 4th Sept	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tues 5th Sept	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Wed 6th Sept	The New School Year Starts
Thurs 14th Sept	Year 5 Wider Opportunities Music start
Mon 18th Sept	Clubs start
Wed 20th Sept	Parents Phonics Evening 3.30—4.30pm
Fri 22nd Sept	DCC Late Gate—punctuality check
Wed 18th Oct	Parent Consultations 1
Thurs 19th Oct	Parent Consultations 2