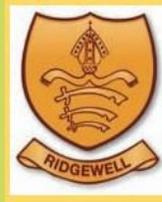


Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Summer Term

A bright start

We have had a very positive return to school since the Easter break with the children keen to continue with their learning. Having now reached the anniversary of the first lockdown, it feels such a long time since we have had a summer term together. We are tentatively making plans for summer events, such as our Sports Day and transition visits, in the hope that restrictions will ease, enabling us to go ahead.

We are all still following the COVID risk assessment in school, washing hands and surfaces and keeping distance from one another. The warmer weather is making it much easier to keep windows and doors open, ensuring the school is well ventilated.

Each class is making the most of taking their learning outdoors wherever possible, especially with each currently working on a plant or living thing-themed science unit of work. Everywhere you look within the school, there are plants, seedlings and soil samples - real hands-on learning!

We have started to hold whole school Collective Worship on the school field for part of the week with our two bubbles of children able to see one another whilst staying apart. We really look forward to the time when we are able to relax the guidelines and join together throughout the school day once again.

Mrs Stuart

PE Day reminder – Summer Term

Saturn (Y5/6) – Monday and Friday

Jupiter (Y3/4) – Monday PE / Friday Forest School Clothes

Earth & Mars (Rec/Y1/Y2) – Tuesday and Wednesday



Hall Building Works

You may have noticed that builder's cabins have been placed outside the school, or seen work vehicles in the car park. Work will soon begin on the rear half of our school hall and staffroom to underpin an area of subsidence. Builders will be partitioning off areas in school that they need to work on first before beginning the work.

We will continue to work in the remaining space we have, with slight adjustments to our lunchtimes and seating arrangements in Mars Class.

At this time of year PE is mostly taught outdoors, so this shouldn't cause too much disruption. Unfortunately, our KS1 children will have to postpone their visits up to the school Forest area during the work, but these sessions will resume once the work is complete.

We are hopeful that all work will be completed before the end of the summer term.

Being an Imagineer

Summer theme for our Curriculum

This term, the overarching theme across the school is being an 'Imagineer'. This means we will be embracing opportunities across the curriculum to encourage the children to use their imaginations. This may be through their writing, art work or creative ways of solving problems in maths.

We introduced the idea of keeping your imagination alive as you grow through our first collective worship. You may have seen your child bring home a lego brick with an egg on one side. This was linked to our story of 'What Do You Do with an Idea,' by Kobi Yamada.

You will now have received your child's termly overview for the summer term, showing the main areas of learning from the curriculum that will be covered. If you have any questions, please do come and ask.



Toad Wood – New Forest School Site for Y3/4

Jupiter Class spent their first two sessions in Toad Wood, thanks to the preparation and organization by Mrs. Wright. In a wood that we have been given special permission to use from the landowner, the children have the freedom to explore, discover, create and build using materials they find. They had a wonderful time there and I'm sure will enjoy their future sessions.



Diary Dates so far...

- Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
- Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half Term
- Monday 21st June – Essex Wildlife Trust visit to school
- Friday 9th July – Sports Day
- Thursday 15th July – Reserve Sports Day