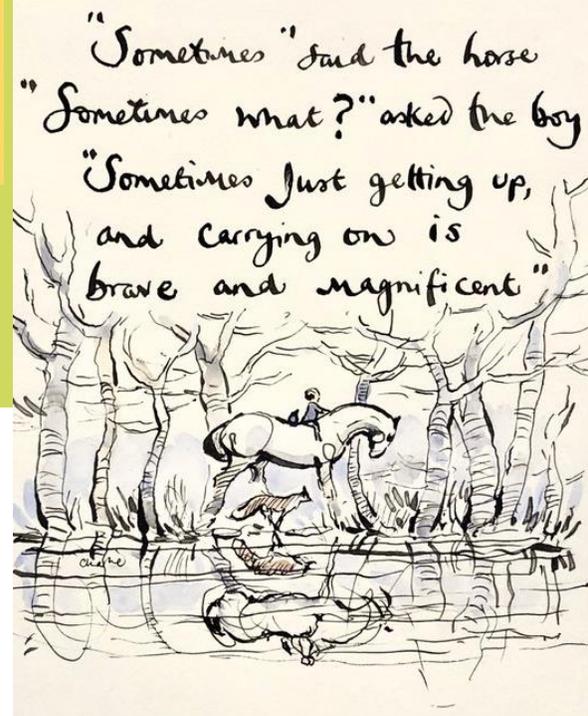


# Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

## Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## REMOTE LEARNING

### Seesaw and Teams!

Well done to you all for making it through the first two weeks of remote learning! As we begin the third week, please take time to acknowledge the brilliant work you are doing with your children at home. If you feel like you're struggling with your child's learning, please remember that you are not alone. It's incredibly difficult to juggle teaching, parenting and jobs for those of you who are working from home AND remain patient at all times! We think that you are doing a brilliant job!

We are purposely managing our remote learning to give children a daily opportunity to see and speak to their teachers and others in their class, whilst providing enough learning support to help you to plan and manage your day to fit in with your home circumstances. We have been really pleased with the response so far.

Please remember that we are available to support you throughout the school day. We aim to be on hand to help explain anything or to offer advice and feedback for work submitted. Teachers offer extra guidance where needed and you will always receive feedback for any work submitted on Seesaw up until 4:30pm. Any work submitted after this time may not receive a response until the next day. Here is a reminder of our e-mail addresses:

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Mrs Stuart

## Assemblies

We hope your children are enjoying our assemblies each week; we've tried to continue with a similar pattern to a normal school week. If you miss the live assembly on Friday afternoons, please remember that it is recorded so you will be able to watch this at a later time.

## 5 TOP TIPS

### Remote Learning Advice

- 1) Minimise distractions. Turn off the TV or radio and find a tidy space for your child to work in.
- 2) Take regular screen breaks. In between pieces of work, have a break.
- 3) Let your child's teacher know how they are getting on. Seesaw comments are monitored by the teachers each day and are useful for future planning.
- 4) Keep calm and stay in control. Avoid arguing over a piece of work. Remove the piece of work calmly and get in touch with school to see what support we can give you.
- 5) Keep a similar routine each day. If possible, schedule a time for a family walk after or in between pieces of school work.



# Curriculum

## Adaptions for Working at home

The teachers have all worked tirelessly to adapt their teaching plans so that they are manageable to be delivered remotely instead of in the classroom.

Our whole school focus this term is 'Being an Historian', so you may see some references in the work to historical themes and events. We have moved the RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) units of work to the summer term and will share further details of this with you before it is taught.



# Revisiting Learning Skills

In the autumn term, we began looking at the skills that successful learners have. One of the skills, 'Work Hard' was re-capped during the first assembly on Seesaw this year.

The three other skills we have looked at in school are: 'Try Something New', 'Don't Give Up' and 'Concentrate.'

Encourage your children to remember these four learning skills as they complete their remote learning. It is always great to hear positive comments from parents on Seesaw about how hard their child worked on something or how much they had to concentrate!

There is a lot of power in focusing your praise on the effort your child has taken to complete something.

Fun Idea – Have a go at creating a bird feeder to get ready for the RSPB bird watch. Sometimes birds take a while to find the food you leave out for them.



### How to make your own bird feeder

wildlife watch

**What you need:**

- dry ingredients
  - bird seed
  - dried fruit
  - cooked rice
  - breadcrumbs
  - grated cheese
  - chopped nuts
- hard cooking fat (lard or suet)
- a pine cone, coconut shell or yoghurt pot
  - ← use an old yoghurt pot for this, and always recycle after it's been used
- string

- 1 Mix all the dry ingredients together in a bowl
- 2 Add the fat and give it a good mix around
- 3 Choose your feeder
  - plaster all over a pine cone
  - put it inside a coconut shell
  - press into a yoghurt pot
  - You can hang this upside down like a bell or turn it out like a cake
- 4 Hang your feeders with string (you may need to make holes and tie the string in before adding the mix)

Hang your feeder where you can watch birds without disturbing them

If you need to melt the fat, ask an adult to help

# Looking forward to...

- 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January - RSPB bird watch – take part wherever you are!
- 5<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC National Number Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Non-pupil Day – No remote learning or school this day.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Holiday