

# Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

## Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



10<sup>th</sup> September 2021



## A New Term!

*A great first week back!*

It has been wonderful to welcome back the children this autumn term and we give an especially warm welcome to our new pupils in reception; Myla, Hunter, Dolcey, Aubree, Evelyn and Catelyn who we are looking forward to watching flourish over their time at Ridgewell. We also welcome Dylan, Jerry and Heidi to our school and we really look forward to getting to know them well during their time at Ridgewell. On our return to school we heard the lovely news that Maisie and her family have welcomed baby Evie over the summer holidays! We send our congratulations to the family!



School never really went quiet this summer with the continued building works and staff working hard to making changes and improvements to their classrooms. The builders worked solid towards the end of the holiday to ensure the children had the hall back in use. Whilst the work is still not complete, we are getting there, with the predicted finish now in sight in October. We look forward to welcoming parents into school in the future to see the completed work.

Thank you once again for supporting the school with our updated measures for Covid. We have enjoyed seeing some parts of our school return to the ways we like to run, such as shared break and lunchtimes. The children have adapted well to this extremely quickly. We will endeavor to keep you as up to date as possible as new guidance is released.

*Mrs. Stuart*

### Extra Day's Holiday next summer:

With the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in 2022, schools have been allocated an extra day to add to their holiday next summer. Because of this, we will now be finishing on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**, with Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July being the non-pupil day.



## Reading at Home

### *Books for Pleasure*

As we begin a new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to read as much as you can with your child at home. We encourage children to find books that they enjoy reading in school and each class will read a book chosen by the children for the class to just 'enjoy' reading together.

We cannot emphasise enough how much positive impact this will have on your child's whole education. Whilst we endeavor to read as much as we can in school, there is nothing quite like curling up with a good book at home.

Please come and speak to us at any time if you have problems with getting your child to read or would like any support with this.



# Being an Explorer



*This term's concept for learning.*

We are continuing our whole school focus on learning concepts this term, linking themes so that we can compare similar learning at different ages across the school.

This term we are thinking about the skills needed to be an explorer. In our first assembly this term, the children thought of qualities such as brave, the ability to read a map, adventurous, imaginative and courageous. This was a great start to our learning.

KS2 will begin by looking at history as far back as the Stone Age and KS1 will be thinking about pirates as explorers.

We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you through the year. You will find each class's overview on their web page on our website.

## Star Assembly

Each Friday in school we celebrate children's achievements in our Star Assembly. This year, we will be giving our certificates to children who show excellent learning skills.

The personal learning skills we encourage are: listening, concentrating, asking questions, trying new things, pushing yourself, not giving up, imagining, understanding others and improving through practice.

We also use this assembly to celebrate children's birthdays, add team points and celebrate any achievements from children outside school.



## Hands on learning in KS1 through Continuous Provision



# Looking forward to...

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Festival – Our first service in the church for over 18 months! Please join with us at 9:30am.