IGNITING CURIOSITY NURTURING GROWTH

RIDGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mr Power

Another brilliantly busy few weeks at Ridgeway! There is so much happening around school and it has been lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning.

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to **Sheffield Manor Lodge**. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. There has also been some brilliant history and art happening across school. I have really enjoyed popping into classrooms and seeing what everyone has been up to!

Thank you to our Year 2 parents who joined us for our reading morning. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. We are looking forward to painting with parents in Year 4 next week too! Don't worry if you haven't had an invitation yet — all classes will have opportunities for families to come in and share learning with their children throughout the year.

A special thank you to our wonderful PTA! The Book Bus was a huge success, with **almost £3,000 worth of books bought** and now in the hands of our children. It was fantastic to see such a buzz around books and so many children excited about reading. I was very proud! Thank you to everyone who supported it.

Our PTA have also very generously donated a substantial amount towards new books for school. This has allowed us to restock lots of our classroom libraries with brand-new, high-quality books. What a difference this will make!

This is what makes Ridgeway such a special place. We have a wonderful school community that comes together and goes above and beyond for our children. I am incredibly proud of our school and very grateful for all the support we receive.

As always, my door is open. Please do come and have a chat, whether it's to share something positive, ask a question or just say hello. I always enjoy catching up with our families.

What a school!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Power

REMINDER

School is closed to students for an inset day on 14th October!
On this day, Parents Consultation will take place from 12-2pm (online) and 2pm-7pm (in-person).
BOOK A SLOT HERE

SPARK SEEKERS
RECEPTION



The Spark Seekers have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning this week! The children have loved exploring the mud kitchen, using their imaginations to create all sorts of wonderful recipes and potions. They have also been busy making habitats in the soil, thinking carefully about where animals and insects might like to live.

Alongside this, the group have been working collaboratively to create some beautiful artwork, using a variety of colours to produce vibrant group masterpieces. It has been lovely to see their creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm shine through in all their activities.



Rec, Y1 & Y2 Phonics & Reading Meeting
3:45 in the Y2 classroom on Tuesday 10th November - see full details on ParentHub post!

WONDER KINDLERS

YEAR 1





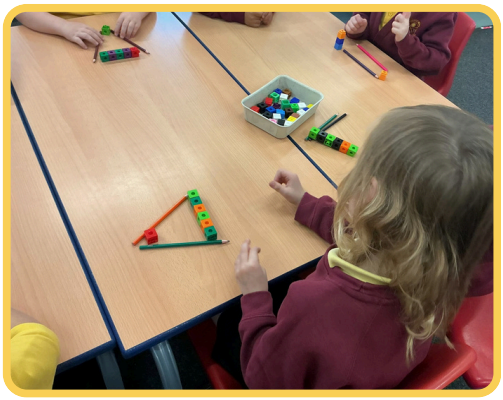
It's been a busy fortnight for our wonderful Wonder Kindlers!
We absolutely loved the Book Bus on Tuesday!

It was great to see everyone so enthusiastic about books and reading! 🙂

We have been learning about how numbers can be greater than, less than or equal to in our maths and have started our art unit all about still life drawing.







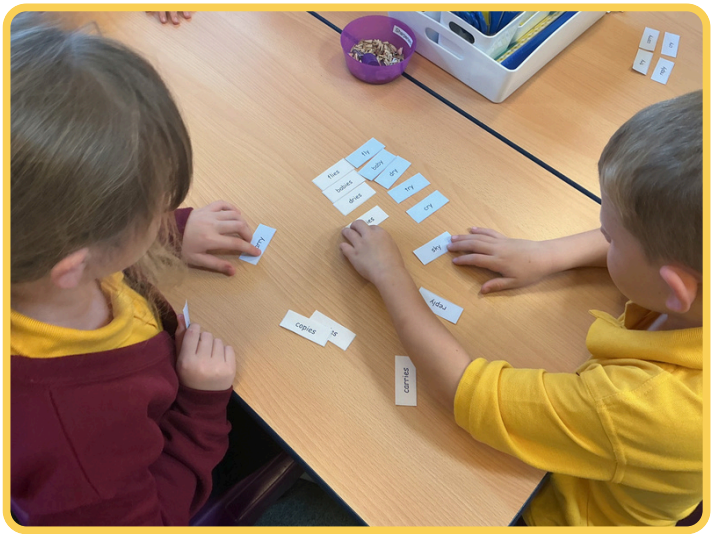
We are so proud of the way everyone has settled into our routines and coming into school with a lovely smile and 'good morning' every day! 🙂

We really are a super team doing some super learning - keep it up everyone!



The Curiosity Igniters have had a fabulous couple of weeks.

We were lucky enough to have lots of mums and dads join us for our reading morning, which we all enjoyed very much, thank you!



We have been continuing to learn our new English skills based around our book Troll Swap and are now confidently using 'because' and 'and' to join sentences and trying really hard to include expanded noun phrases to add extra detail for the reader.

In Maths we are continuing to learn about place value of 2 digit numbers, spelling the words and flexibly partitioning. Our shape work has included lines of symmetry and properties of 3d shapes.

We have finished learning about The Great Fire of London and loved testing our knowledge in fun quizzes and now we have moved onto Art looking at pointillism!



What a fabulous time we had one on our trip to Manor Castle this week.

The Embers learnt how to build a Stone Age den, create a spearhead for a spear to use to track a deer to test their hunting skills, followed a trail to discover more about our topic and created some fantastic cave paintings by candlelight!

In other news, we have been adding 3-digit numbers, compared digital and non-digital activities in computers, wrote some great three part descriptions and made a super effort to be a brilliant Y3 team.





The Flame Forgers have continued with their great start to the year.

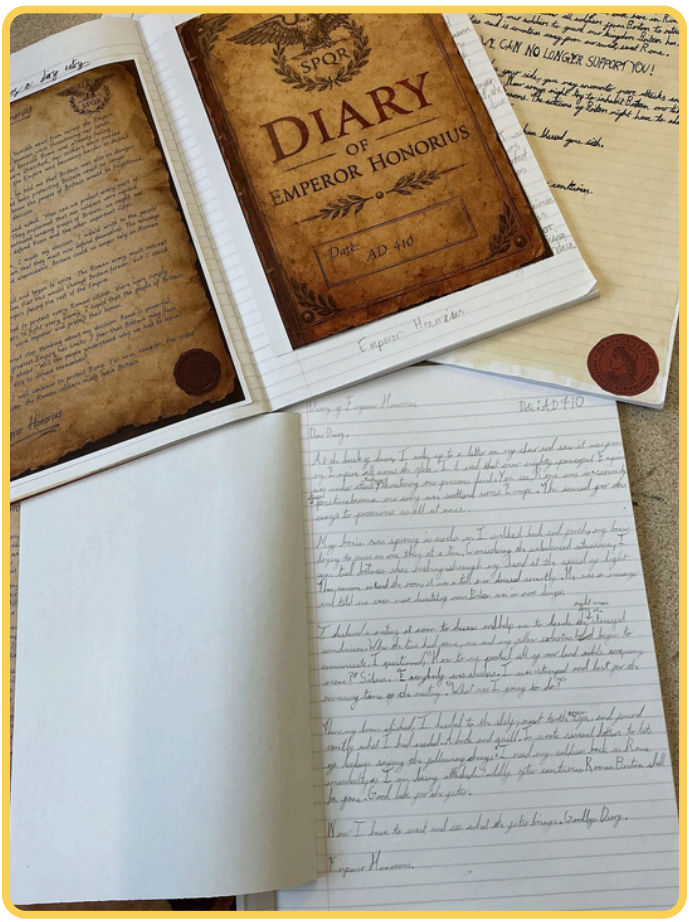
These past two weeks have seen us writing our non-chronological reports on Gorillas during English lessons. In maths, we've been comparing and ordering 3- & 4-digit numbers whilst also continue to master our times tables.

We've enjoyed using our passing and shooting skills during netball matches in P.E and we're learning about different faiths followed within the UK in R.E lessons too.

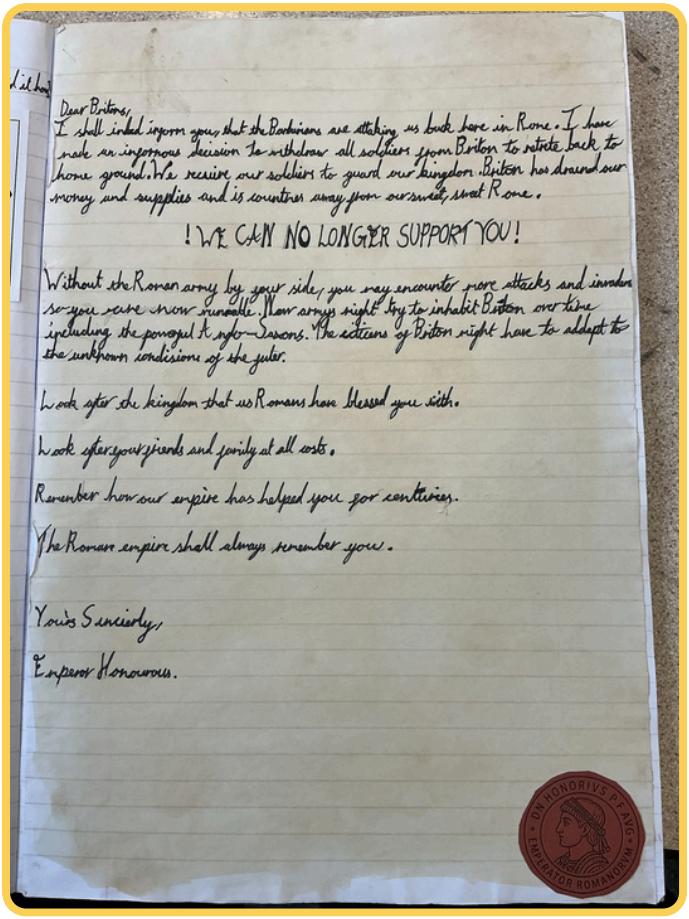
We've finished our history topic about the Ancient Greeks and have now started learning how to paint using watercolours in Art. So far we have learnt nine different painting techniques to help us create tone, texture and colour. We're all looking forward to painting with our parents next week - join us if you can!







Step into the Past: Emperor Honorius's Diary
This week, we turned back the clock to the final days of the Western Roman Empire. Taking on the perspective of Emperor Honorius, we authored dramatic diary entries reflecting on the crumbling defences of the Roman army. It was a fantastic exercise in historical empathy, exploring the panic, strategy, and pressure of ruling during an empire's collapse.



Dear Britons,
I shall indeed inform you, that the Barbarians are attacking us back here in Rome. I have made an enormous decision to withdraw all soldiers from Britain to retreat back to home ground. We require our soldiers to guard our kingdom. Britain has drained our money and supplies and is countless away from our sweet, sweet Rome.

! WE CAN NO LONGER SUPPORT YOU !

Without the Roman army by your side, you may encounter more attacks and invasions so you are now vunerable. More armys might try to inhabit Britain over time including the peoples of Anglo-Saxons. The citizens of Britain might have to adapt to the unknown conditions of the future.

Look after the kingdom that us Romans have blessed you with.

Look after your friends and family at all costs.

Remember how our empire has helped you for centuries.

The Roman empire shall always remember you.

Yours Sincerely,

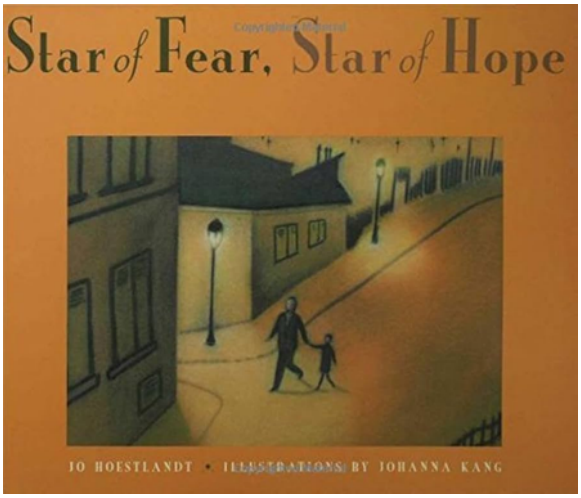
Emperor Honorious.

The Brilliant Book Bus!
The absolute highlight of our week was a visit from the incredible book bus! The levels of excitement were through the roof as we climbed aboard to explore a treasure trove of new stories. It was wonderful to see everyone so inspired and eager to dive into reading.

Striking Success in PE
We took to the pitch this week to practice our hockey skills in PE! Everyone showed great teamwork, determination, and stickwork as we worked on our passing, dribbling, and defending.

This week, the Year 6 Trailblazers have continued to demonstrate excellent enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork across all areas of their learning. In Maths, we have focused on developing our understanding of division, exploring both short and long division strategies. The children have practised selecting appropriate methods, solving increasingly challenging calculations and applying their skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving activities.

In English, we have continued our work on *Star of Fear, Star of Hope*. The children have explored characters' thoughts and feelings in greater depth and have planned and written their own narrative pieces inspired by the text. They have focused on using descriptive language, dialogue and cohesive devices to create engaging and thoughtful writing.



In Computing, we have been developing our communication and collaboration skills by working together on shared tasks. The children have discussed the importance of teamwork, effective communication and working responsibly in digital environments.

In History, the children brought their learning to life through role play, recreating key moments from both the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings. We finished the week with a history quiz, giving the children the opportunity to showcase everything they have remembered.

In Art, we have begun our new visual arts unit, exploring the core techniques behind creating vibrant mixed-media artwork. The children have been introduced to the Artist's Toolkit and started creating their own Rainbow Eye Art, developing their understanding of colour, texture and artistic expression.

In PE, we have been developing our hockey skills, focusing on control, passing, movement and teamwork during a range of practical activities and games.We are incredibly proud of the effort, determination and positive attitudes shown by the children this week and look forward to another exciting week of learning.

Friends of Ridgeway Primary School



🎃 Halloween Dress-Up Day - Wednesday 21st October

Children can come to school in Halloween costumes, fancy dress or their own clothes for a suggested £1 donation. Please make sure costumes are age-appropriate and suitable for a school day.
We'll also have spooky sweet cones available to buy! You can make your donation and pre-order sweet cones through our PTA Linktree. Cash sales will be available on the day, subject to stock.

🎄 Christmas Cards

Children should arrive home with their Christmas card order cards today! Each card has a unique code linked to your child's design, so please keep hold of it until your order arrives.
The Class Fundraising shop closes at **12 noon on Thursday 22nd October**. Please order before the deadline to avoid missing out!

🎁 Christmas Hampers

We're getting ready for our popular Christmas hamper raffle! Each year group has been allocated a colour, and we'd love donations of items matching their theme:

- **Reception – Silver**
- **Year 1 – Pink**
- **Year 2 – Green**
- **Year 3 – Gold**
- **Year 4 – Orange**
- **Year 5 – Red**
- **Year 6 – Purple**

Please send any donations into school by Friday 20th November. We'll be putting the hampers together on Sunday 22nd November and would love some extra helping hands! If you can spare some time, please contact us at Rpspta@learneratrust.org.

Friends of Ridgeway Primary School

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A look ahead at upcoming Friends of Ridgeway events and ways to get involved!

OCTOBER 2026

Dress Up Day

Wednesday 21st

- £1 suggested donation
- Spooky sweets available to buy
- Details to be confirmed

Do you have anything you might be able to donate?

Perhaps old Halloween outfits that are too small?

NOVEMBER 2026

Christmas Hampers

Announcement coming soon!

Friday 20th
Hamper donations deadline

Monday 23rd
9am to 1pm
Making Christmas hampers
Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer!

DECEMBER 2026

Monday 14th
Christmas hamper raffle draw in the yard at pick-up

Sweet stall at nativity

JANUARY 2027

New Year Disco

Date TBC

FEBRUARY 2027

Half Term Smartie Challenge

Date TBC

MARCH/APRIL 2027

Bunny Run

Date TBC

Disco

Date TBC

MAY 2027

Wonka Bars with Golden Tickets

Date TBC

JUNE 2027

Nothing planned yet

JULY 2027

Colour Run

Date TBC