



RIDGE CLASS: Newsletter for AUTUMN 2023

Hello, everyone!

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy at least a little of the summer break.

Following up on my information letter to you back in July, I am attaching a topic web detailing what we will be studying in Ridge Class over the Autumn term ahead.

Below, I have included some details of other aspects of life in Ridge that you will find useful to know:

Book for Guided Reading

Our guided reading sessions will be based on The War of the Worlds (Young Reading Series) by H.G. Wells and, if you wish to buy a copy for your child to use during these lessons, more details can be found at: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/War-Worlds-Young-Reading/dp/1474918530>. Please do not feel in any way obliged to do this, however. Our class reader this term is Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce and we are already drawing on this book to inspire our own writing.

P.E.

I can now confirm that P.E. days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

Forest School

Forest School will continue to operate on Tuesdays, and it is good to see our class wellie store gradually filling up as each day goes by!

Homework

Homework will be handed out each **Friday** and collected in the following **Thursday** and it is expected that it will be completed within the allotted period. The work will be glued into the children's Homework Books and their spellings written onto the sheet in their Spelling Folders.

Spelling homework

Each week, children will receive 6 spellings – three from the common exception words lists from Y5-Y6, and three personal spellings which they spelt incorrectly in their recent work. They will be tested individually on Thursdays and any words they mis-spell will remain on their lists until they have consistently spelt them correctly.

Maths homework

Children will be given maths homework that will enable them to consolidate or build upon what they have learnt in class. Each week, the children will take part in a 5-minute maths exercise which assesses times tables and mental strategies using a scheme called 'Numeracy Ninjas'. Of course, a secure knowledge of times tables is essential in Years 5 and 6 as we start to apply these facts in a range of more complex ways. If you are able to keep these ticking over at home whenever possible, perhaps through some of the many online games or apps, that would greatly help to support your child's confidence and speed in these mathematical foundations.

Topic homework projects

Each term, the children will be given a list of 9, topic-based projects to complete at home throughout the term. Participation is optional but children are encouraged to bring in and share with the class any completed projects as soon as they finish them throughout the term so that they can be displayed and enjoyed as part of our topic.

Reading

By the end of the week beginning 11th September, everyone in Ridge will have read to me and have been assigned a new Reading Record so that their reading sessions, whether long or short, at school or at home, with an adult or to themselves, can be recorded. Even though the children in Ridge are older, more experienced readers, please read with your child at home as often as you can each week, discussing with them their opinions on what they have read and anything they found tricky.

Children may choose from the range of books available in school or they may read a book from home at an appropriate level and interest.

Many thanks for your continued support and, if you have any questions, then please email me via the school office at admin@leighterton.gloucs.sch.uk or phone the office to arrange a chat with me.

Mrs Ward
Ridge Class

