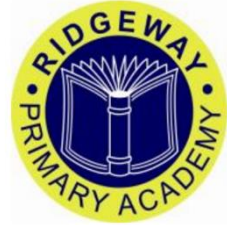


# Ridgeway News Letter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023



## Another Great Term of Learning!!

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

The children have had a great start to the Spring Term and have been really enjoying their learning! It was wonderful seeing so many of you last week during parents' evening.

The children in reception have really found their feet, and are confidently using and applying their phonics and maths skills.



The children in LKS2 worked together well when thinking about keeping themselves safe online during Safer Internet Day. They considered many questions and discussed making the right choices. Fun was had by all, and some very important learning took place.

It was wonderful to see that Ridgeway has so many budding scientists during the Science Conference at Robert Smyth Academy. More children attended from Ridgeway than ever before, and Mrs Raine, who organised the event, was incredibly impressed with how polite and courteous they all were. The children were a credit to our school community and should feel incredibly proud.

Assembly today was full of mixed emotions as we said our goodbyes to Mrs English, who begins her maternity leave today. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best of luck as her new adventure begins! 😊

Warm wishes,  
Dave Turner  
Head of School



# Spring Term Round Up!

## EYFS Updates

It has been a hive of activity in Reception. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and were eager to tell visitors the animal race story.

The smell of pancakes has been an absolute delight as they experimented with their favourite toppings. Strawberries and banana were a firm favourite.



The children had the pleasure of a

musical performance of Vivaldi's Winter by two of our wonderful parents, Nick Stringfellow and Eleanor Hodgkinson. Their piano and cello arrangement was thoroughly enjoyed by all in RW and RCM and inspired them in their exploration of string instruments.



## Year 1 and 2

The children in KS1 have been enjoying their learning during their Explorers topic. The children have developed their understanding of colour mixing brilliantly in art, and all can name and mix the primary and secondary colours.





## Year 3 and 4



In Year 3 and 4, the children have been learning about Judaism and Jewish festivals. They enjoyed re-enacting Shabbat by



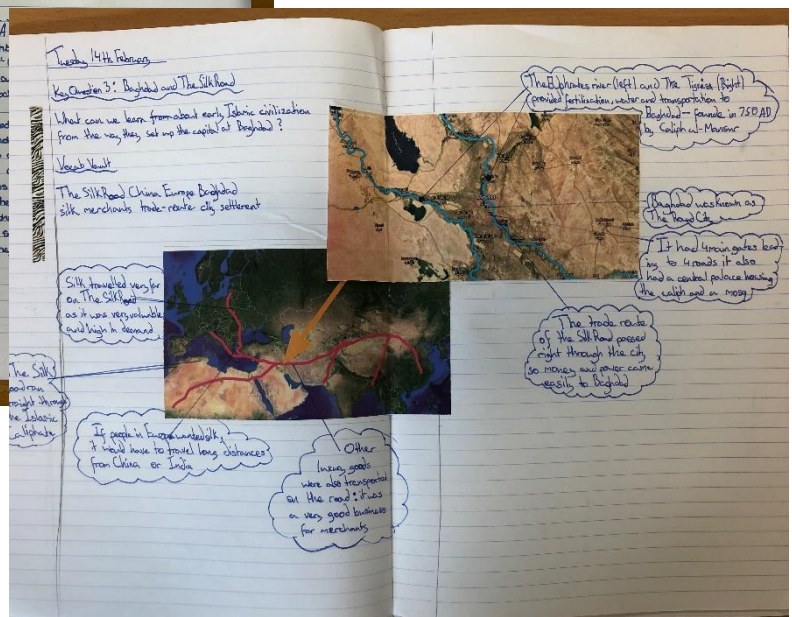
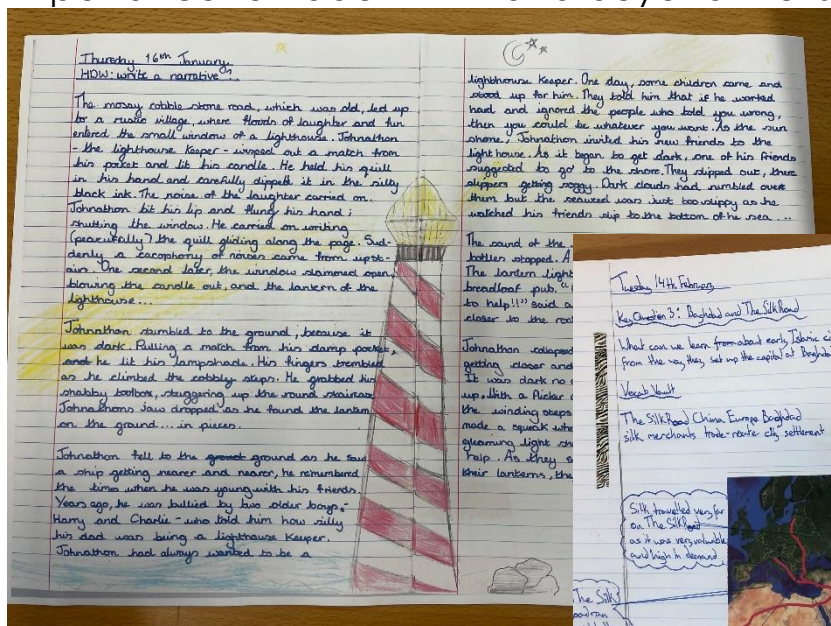
eating brioche and slices of apple coated in honey.

In writing, LKS2 have been working on using causal conjunctions to help them write explanations about the formation of mountains. They have all done brilliantly.

## Year 5 and 6

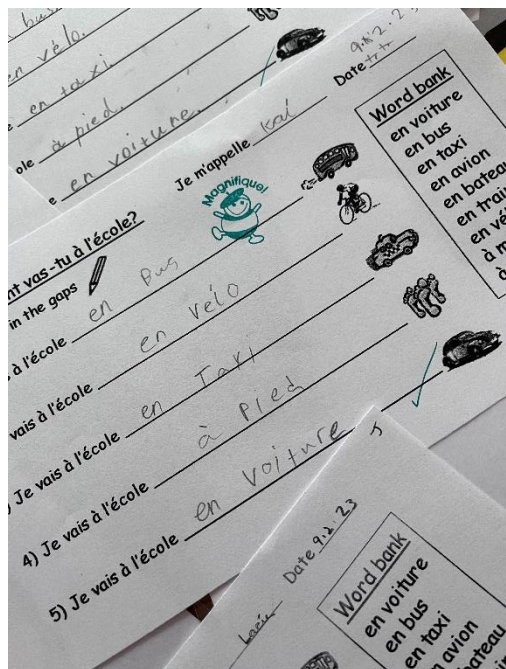
UKS2 have been focusing on using the past perfect tense in their writing based on The Lighthouse animation. The children have been able to use this complex grammar feature superbly and with skill.

In history, the children have been learning about the Silk Road and its importance to trade within and beyond the Islamic world.

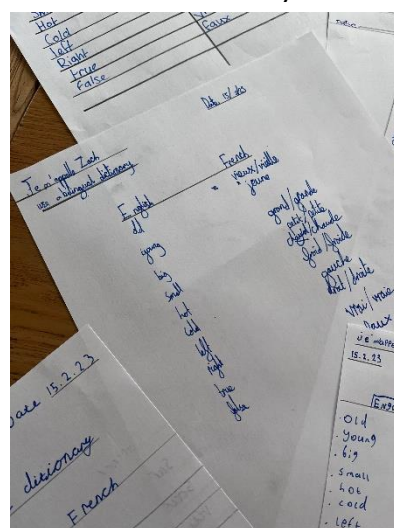
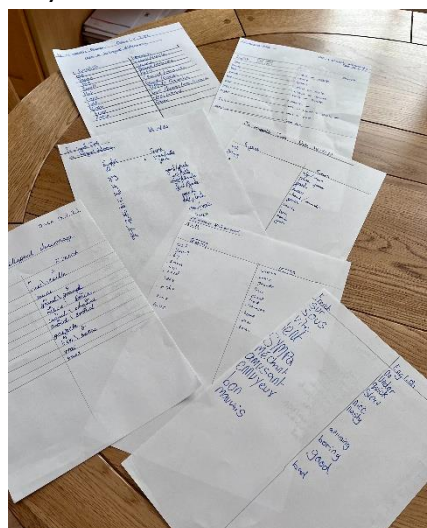


## French

In year 65 this half term, French lessons have focused on learning the seasons and describing them using adjectives. The children have also been practising their bilingual dictionary skills. Key to this is a good knowledge of the alphabet – more practice over the half term would definitely help!



Year 43 have been learning to say how they get to school in French, as well as learning the days of the week and the months of the year.



## PE, Sport, Events and Wellbeing at Ridgeway

Ridgeway pupils have enjoyed some success in their sporting endeavours this half term. The Year 5/6 basketball team performed brilliantly during the Harborough District Tournament. They won all but one of their games convincingly, and were only pipped by one basket in the final.

During last week's Cross Country event at Harborough Town football club, Ridgeway pupils did themselves proud, with some notable top ten finishes. A big well done to Elijah T and Alfie H who have been selected to compete for Harborough in the County race. We wish them all the best of luck!

The children in Year 4 have been having a splashing fun time during their swimming lessons and have made good progress in developing their swimming skills.

A big shout out and congratulations to Niamh McGeachy who was one of only three pupils in the Harborough District to be selected to compete in the National Primary Maths Challenge, having scored brilliantly in the local event. She completed the National Challenge last week, and is waiting with baited breath to find out how she got on. Like Niamh, we have all got our fingers crossed!

## House Team Points Competition

The Team Points competition is being closely contested by all of the house teams. Turing House are currently in the lead, however Curie and Attenborough are in close pursuit, trailing by only 10 and 30 points respectively. Anything is possible by the end of term.





## Gardening Club and Sensory Garden

Our gardening club has reformed with our wonderful volunteers, and has now started preparations for Spring. Some much needed winter tidying has begun, and the children found time to make super feeders for our bird population.

The Sensory Garden project is just about to begin, so keep your eyes peeled for some exciting developments.

### **Some Key Dates for the Spring and beyond**

**Half-Term Break...** Mon 20th February-Fri 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

NEU Day of Action- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

KS2 Multiplication Meeting- 13<sup>th</sup> March (5:00pm)

KS2 Multiplication Meeting- 14<sup>th</sup> March (9:00am)

Open Classrooms 23rd March 2023 (3:30-4:15pm)

FORA Mothers Day Sale... Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Easter Holiday...** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

May Day... Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 **(School Closed)**

**King's Coronation...** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 **(School Closed)**

KS2 SATs... Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

FORA and GBA PTA Fun Run... Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Y6 PGL Residential... Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Y4 Beaumanor Residential... Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May-Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### **Useful contact numbers for Family Support:**

Children family and wellbeing services - 0116 3058727

First response children's duty - 0116 3050005

CAP 24 hour mental health advice for parents - 0808 800 3302

Living without abuse Leicestershire help and support for anyone suffering abuse - 0808 80 200 28 01509 550317

Jubilee food bank - [jubileefoodbankmh.uk](http://jubileefoodbankmh.uk) (GP and doctors surgery can make a referral)

Household support grant - [communityhub@harborough.gov](mailto:communityhub@harborough.gov).