

PLATINUM AWARD 1



OBJECTIVES

- * To work towards becoming an educated and practical horseman
- * To be able to look after ponies kept at grass and have experience and knowledge of looking after stabled horses
- * To be able to ride at all paces over fences and varying terrain
- * To be able to ride a well-mannered horse or pony out hunting ,or an endurance or fun ride and be able to prepare him before the day and care for him afterwards
- * To have a knowledge of pace, distance and discipline, and to ride intelligently and safely in a group or alone
- * Ride with due regard for others in the country and on the roads
- * To be able to ride safely on the public highway

RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

1. Be able to keep a correct, balanced and effective position in all paces over all types of terrain.
2. Be able to change diagonals at appropriate places and know the reasons for changing diagonals.
3. Be able to perform a turn on the forehand in either direction and know the correct aids and how the horse's legs should move.
4. Know the sequence of footfalls in canter and gallop on either rein.
5. Be able to make a change of leg at canter through trot and discuss the balance of the horse.
6. Understand the meaning of suppleness as it relates to the Scale of Training.
7. Know the aids and be able to ride leg yielding in walk.
8. Be able to jump up and down hill, jump doubles and know the correct distances in a one stride double.
9. Know how to present your horse at a junction and roundabout.
10. Understand that it is the rider's use of observation that will help to keep him safe on the road.
11. Know the advice given by the Highway Code regarding what to wear when riding and leading horses on the road and what the horse should wear.
12. Know what to do in the event of an accident.

HORSEMASTERSHIP

13. Know how to look after a grass kept, or stable kept pony, after work.
14. Understand the importance of a daily routine.

15. Have a knowledge of different routines (fully stabled, grass kept and combined system).
16. Be able to recognise different feeds and forage including good and bad hay and haylage.
17. Demonstrate a knowledge of fitting rain sheets and exercise blankets.
18. Know whether rug/s fit correctly.
19. Put on a stable bandage.
20. Know the sensitive structures inside the foot.
21. Know which tools the farrier uses for nailing on and finishing off the shoeing procedure.
22. Know what to look for to check that a saddle fits comfortably.
23. Recognise when a pony is lame.
24. Understand the reasons for poor condition.
25. Know that following any wound, a horse's tetanus cover should be checked.
26. Know how to apply a poultice to the leg.