

PLATINUM AWARD 2



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 on 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 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. Mount from a mounting block on either side.
2. Be in balance with the horse at all paces.
3. Maintain balance when changing diagonals.
4. Know the aids for turns and circles.
5. Be able to carry a schooling whip in either hand and move it correctly from hand to hand.
6. Discuss whether there is any loss of balance during transitions.
7. Be able to perform a quarter turn on the forehand and know the correct aids.
8. Be able to change the rein with the reins in one hand.
9. Know the sequence of footfalls in trot.
10. Be able to jump a variety of fences and ditches out of trot and canter.
11. Know the signals to give when overtaking and negotiating junctions.
12. Know which common road signs must be obeyed and which signs are warning signs only.
13. Be able to ride Major to Minor, and Minor to Major road junctions.
14. Be able to describe a Stop, and a Give Way sign.
15. Know how, and who, to thank when riding on the road.
16. Know Countryside Access guidelines.

HORSEMASTERSHIP

17. Know how to prepare a grass kept pony for riding at all times of year.
18. Know different types of bedding and give reasons for choosing one particular type.
19. Know why it is important that stabled horses spend some time out at grass each day.
20. Know the rules of feeding and why they are important.
21. Have a thorough knowledge of all the items in a grooming kit, and use them effectively.
22. Know the differences between grooming a grass kept and a stable kept pony.
23. Demonstrate putting on and taking off a variety of rugs with different fastenings.
24. Identify different types of bandages.

25. Know why padding must be put underneath bandages.
26. Know the bones inside the foot.
27. Know which tools the farrier uses when removing a shoe.
28. Describe a hunter or general purpose shoe.
29. Know what to check to see that a bridle fits comfortably.
30. Know the names and actions of the more commonly known bits.
31. Recognise when a pony is in good or poor condition.
32. Recognize symptoms of illness.
33. Know when a horse should be isolated.
34. Know how to care for a wound until the vet arrives.