



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Swifts Weekly Newsletter



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

## Reading –

Please read at least 4 times a week and record what you have read in your reading record.

## Spellings –

We will complete a test next week on Friday 1 November. There will be 3 spellings lists each week:

## Home learning

This week, your home learning is on google classrooms.

## PE

Thursday (outdoor)  
Friday (indoor)

## Class Attendance

Thank you to everyone for continuing to do everything we can to make sure children are in school as much as possible.

This time of year always brings a lot of coughs and colds and we are grateful for parents being particularly vigilant about ensuring that children are well enough to be in school and in particular making use of the PCR tests available when children show any symptoms.

Please continue to bring your child to school if they are well enough unless they have had a positive test result.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks just seem to be flying by at the moment! Well done to everyone for all your fantastic work this term.

This week we have been delving deeper into our curriculum! In our English lessons we have been exploring the structure of sentences and have enjoyed using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions to make our sentences more detailed. We are so proud of everyone's enthusiasm in Maths this term. This week we have explored place value and we were really impressed by your fantastic ideas when partitioning numbers. Well done Swifts!

In Geography we have learned even more about the water cycle and have created our own water cycle diagrams. It was fantastic to see everybody's beautiful artwork in R.E. and Art this week, fantastic work everybody! We are really enjoying reading our class text, 'How the Whale Became' by Ted Hughes.

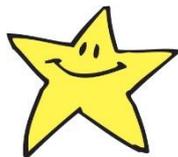
We have our forest school session taught by Mrs Wallis on Wednesday mornings – wellies and waterproofs will be needed for these sessions. This week, it was great to see our class enjoying a visit to the school orchard to pick the ripe apples!

Our P.E. lessons continue to be on Thursday and Friday afternoons. The children will all need a P.E. kit: green Dartington t-shirt (awaiting delivery of these, please send any t-shirt in if you are waiting), black, dark blue or grey shorts/leggings (or jogging bottoms for colder weather) and lace up or velcro fastening sports training shoes. We request that this is kept in school. We will aim to go out for a run as often as we can (as a 'movement break' between lessons) so please ensure that your child has suitable footwear in school every day.

We have sent home passwords for google classrooms, Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots. Please let us know if you have any difficulties with logging into these.

If you have any concerns or queries then please do not hesitate to email the office [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org) and this will be forwarded onto us.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Honey and Dr Short



### Star of the Week

**Matilda** for your wonderful approach to learning and for showing our school values in all that you do.  
You have been a superstar. Well done! 😊



### Important!

PE kits on Thursdays and Fridays.  
Please can all children have a water bottle in school.  
Please send your child to school with trainers every day as we will be going for a run, as often as possible.  
Please ensure that your child has a coat in school.

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## Y5 spellings (for test on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November)

### List A:

#### Phoneme ou sound /ow/

#### TOP TIP:

When you hear the 'ow' sound at the beginning or middle of a sentence, it is usually spelt 'ou'.



count

loud

mouth

out

round

shout

### List B:

#### Words from the 5/6 spellings list

#### Words with a double consonant:

correspond

communicate

embarrass

especially

exaggerate

### List C:

#### Other spellings

(taken from the wider curriculum or key words):

Taken from this term's science curriculum:

magnetic

transparent

opaque

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