



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021



Reading –

Please read at least 4 times a week and record what you have read in your reading record, if you do not have one, please let me know.

Home learning –

Our home learning for this week is on google classrooms, linked to our science. Please note, this is using your child's "lapsw.org" email address, as our online classrooms have transferred across to this. Please see me if you have difficulties logging in.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! Week 1 complete already! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break, it has been truly lovely to hear about the things you have done together as a family, and the buzz/excitement to be back in school, seeing friends and starting all our wonderful new learning sequences.

We kickstarted the week with talking about how we want our classroom to look, and agreeing our 'Class charter'. One of the many responses was "I want to be thought of as equal to others by my classmates and adults" – a thoughtful point, and something that made lots of us think more about how we wish to be treated and seen by our peers. The children ended their first day back having a lovely afternoon with Mrs Wallis, reaping the rewards of the potato produce in our lovely orchard!

On Wednesday, we wrote letters to ourselves; a moment of personal reflection of the journey that they have already been on, and what their hopes and wishes are for the year ahead - as well as some things they'd like to ask themselves by the end of year 6. These letters were sealed inside envelopes and will be kept until July next year, where the children get to open them in the last few days of their primary journey, and reflect on the year they have had 😊

We started lots of our wider curriculum sessions this week, introducing the water cycle in geography, materials and their properties in science, and abstract landscapes in art. I really look forward to our journey over the next few weeks as we delve further into each of these.

Some information regarding our weekly timetable –

PE sessions will be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please can I ask that the children have PE kits for both sessions, and suitable footwear for our Thursday PE slot. Our forest school sessions will usually be on Friday afternoons, and as we enter the autumn months, please can children have spare clothing/shoes in the eventuality the weather turns. I will put this at the bottom of the newsletter as a reminder over the next few weeks.

Also, a gentle reminder that children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases, as we have provided individual packs for children, with all the items they need for both lessons and wider activities. We ask that children do not wear jewellery, except for a watch, and/or small stud earrings. Finally, if your child brings a phone to school with them, they will need to hand this into me as they arrive in the morning. I will then hand these back out just before the end of the school day.

Any questions or concerns, please email dartington@lapsw.org 😊 Best wishes, Miss Humphries

As of next week, our class attendance % will be shared with you here.

Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.



Star of the Week

Sienna – for such a fabulous start to our school, showing our school values and settling in so beautifully.



Important!

Can children please have **PE kits on Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).**

Forest school is on Fridays - please can children have appropriate clothing for this.

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