



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021



Reading –

Please read at least 4 times a week and record what you have read in your reading record. We are in the process of getting more journals, as soon as these are ready, I will send them home.

Home learning –

I have given an extension on the Science H/L as I know a few children have not been able to log in. If you have completed the science H/L, please spend some time practicing either Numbots or TTRockstars.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another brilliant week has gone past within Red Kites this week. We have started to settle into our daily routines, particularly with starting our reading, English and maths sequences.

We have begun to explore explanation texts within English, identifying both layout and grammatical features to help us create a checklist (ready to use in our future writing), so we can create high quality outcomes. In maths, we have begun to explore place value, starting with numbers to 10,000 on Monday; and gradually building to numbers to ten million by the end of the week. We have looked at how these numbers can be represented using place value charts, part-part whole models and images, partitioning and recombining answers as well as exploring different ways of making a given total. It has been great to see children so enthusiastic about their maths learning, and already seeing their confidence grow!

Within our wider curriculum sessions, we have been able to begin our first Music, RE and Science lessons, as well as continuing our Art and Geography from the week before.

In music, we started by listening to our focus song “Living on a prayer” by Bon Jovi. Some of the children were a huge fan of guitar solo *cue air guitar moment.... *

We also tried to identify other instruments within the song, as well as finding a consistent beat, which led to some clap and respond activities. We ended the session with practicing the song from beginning to end – with emphasis in the final chorus (x3!!!)

Within RE, we are aiming to answer the question “what does it mean for Christians to believe God is holy and loving?” This week, we started by identifying what language they may use to describe God, and why certain characteristics may be considered important to Christians. This will help us next week as we begin to look at different religious texts that describe God.

Our science lesson this week allowed us to explore different materials, first through touch alone by reaching into a bag and describing their possible properties. This led to us defining different properties e.g., magnetic, transparent, flexible etc. The children were then able to look inside the bags and see if any of their guesses were correct and finished the lesson by identifying which materials were natural, and which ones were man-made.

I have been so amazed this week by Red Kites enthusiasm determination and positive energy. I can't wait to see what we get up to next week. If you have any questions or queries, please email

dartington@lapsw.org. Best wishes, Miss Humphries 😊

**Red Kites
attendance =
95.8%**

Please ensure your child attends school every day. Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.



Star of the Week
Jasper – for always showing compassion to others, being a trustworthy member of our class community and an amazing friend.



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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