



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021



Reading –

Please read at least 4 times a week at home. If you can, try logging on to accelerated reader and trying a book quiz!

Routines –

PE = Wednesday (indoor) and **Thursday** (outdoor)
Forest school – Fridays

Home learning –

This week is a series of arithmetic questions on Google classrooms.

Please have a go at logging into TTRockstars or Numbots from home.

Dear Parents/Carers,

How are we nearing the end of term already?! It has been so lovely to talk to you all recently in parent meetings, and great to hear how so many children are settled and looking forward to the year ahead.

We have had another busy, but brilliant week in Red Kites. We kickstarted the week with another art lesson on Monday afternoon, where we finally got to start our final abstract pieces. The children used their inspiration photo of a landmark in Plymouth, and added their own interpretations, using different textures, colours, and tones. Here is one interpretation, of Royal William Yard.



In our English this week, we have begun to plan our final writes about the process of the water cycle. The children have been thinking carefully about how they can explain each stage, using technical vocabulary, correct tenses, punctuation, and possible layouts. I am really looking forward to seeing their final pieces as of next week.

Within maths, we have begun our new sequence; looking at the four operations. We have started with focussing on how column addition and subtraction can be used effectively to answer word problems, or multi-step questions. This has led to lots of talk around different methods, how we can exchange or borrow from another column as well as making sure our written explanations are accurate.

In geography this week, the children discussed how floods can affect our physical landscapes, alongside the impact it has on humans. We talked about how extreme evaporation and the rise in temperatures within our world, can have a direct impact on extreme precipitation and therefore cause an increase in flooding across the globe.

There was great excitement in our gymnastics lesson this week, as we started getting the equipment out and thinking about how we can create different shapes, use different levels and piece together different movements across each section. We are looking forward to getting the wall-mounted apparatus out next week, for our final gymnastics lesson of the term!

As always, if there are any queries or concerns, please email dartington@lapsw.org or during drop off and collection time. Best wishes, Miss Humphries 😊

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.



Star of the Week

Pip – for amazing resilience in his learning, and the huge sense of pride he has taken in his written outcomes this week.



Important!

Please ensure your child has both a water bottle and waterproof coat with them every day; the autumnal weather is everchanging at the moment!

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