



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 –

1x Arithmetic question and 1x SPAG question posted via google classrooms.

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first week of October complete – and what a busy one it has been!

Red Kites were very excited to be the first class using the apple press during forest school this week – what an amazing opportunity, and lots of smiley faces!!

Within our geography this week, the children have looked at the effects that the water cycle can have on our physical landscape, linked to climate change. Our first “effect” was looking into droughts, why this happens in certain countries, how climate change can impact it, and how the process of the water cycle links.

In art, we began creating plans for our own abstract landscape piece, inspired by Martin Bush. We looked different locations around Plymouth such as Smeaton’s Tower, Royal William Yard and Crownhill Fort, and individually chose the image to use as inspiration. The children created mind maps detailing what colours they wanted to use, mediums and textures to create their final pieces over the final few weeks.

This Thursday was National Poetry Day, and I tasked the children with writing about their own “dream day”, inspired by Poet Simon Mole. We had some beautiful responses which I have included below. My dream day includes...

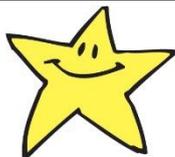
“Our soundtrack is the silent wind of an owls flight.” “I see an elephant on the moon and stars are surrounding me.” “I will sleep under the stars on the tropical sea.” “The snow falls with grace and beauty.”

Next Tuesday, and Thursday are parents evening consultations for Red Kites. If you have not yet signed up, please use the sign-up sheet outside our classroom door, or email in and I can give selected times left. These are either phone call, or video consultations.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend, and as always, any questions or queries, please email [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org). 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

**Stella** – for consistently showing our school value of compassion and trust, particularly through supporting her partner. Thank you for always making wise choices surrounding your learning.



### 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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