



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

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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!

Home learning

– This week, we will resume weekly questions, and these will be taken from our recent papers to investigate further.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week completed! As you will be aware, we completed some SATs papers this week, and once again Red Kites were awesome! Every child worked so hard through each paper, showing their methods, explaining their reasoning, and giving each question a go regardless of how tricky. These are so useful for me as we move further into the Autumn term, as well as an indicator of our priorities post-Christmas. It has also allowed me to see what has been effective so far within strategies we have learnt through our English, reading and maths lessons.

We continued our history learning this week by looking into crime and punishment within the Roman era. The children already had some great historical knowledge linked to this, and we had lots of conversations about what they considered minor and serious crimes, alongside the punishments these would entail. The children also created their own curse tablets, which Romans created for someone when a crime went unpunished – here are some examples!

“I want _____ to be sentenced to death for stealing the last muffin on Earth.”

“I want _____ to have to climb the top of a really high tree and be dropped to the ground for eating dark chocolate.”

“I want _____ to be forced to become a gladiator, as they have refused to worship our emperor.”

Within RE, the children discussed with Miss Matthews (our student teacher) how a messenger (or Messiah) might feel if they were to come to Earth today and see what our world is like. Some of the sentences they came up with included...

“She/he would be disappointed with how we look after our world.”

“She would show us how life could be if only we respected ourselves and others.”

“The world might rejoice because the saviour is back.”

We are already getting in the Christmas spirit (I know!!) by practicing our carols ahead of our year 5/6 service next month. Mrs Matthews lent a helping hand by teaching us the Makaton versions to some of our chosen carols – I can’t wait to see it all come together.

Finally, we had our first class treat of the year; decorating gingerbread people. The children had great fun in adding mini decorations to their gingerbread – no two looked the same and a tasty treat to end a busy week! As always, any questions or queries, please do catch me during drop off or collection time, or email 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

Isla- for always having a positive mindset to her learning, and applying different strategies when faced with a challenge.



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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