



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 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!

## Home learning

– This week, there is no weekly SPAG or Arithmetic questions, as next week we will be completing another round of SATs papers. Instead, there is some lovely art activities to have a go at linked to bonfire night.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you were all able to have a restful break and enjoy well earned family time.

We have been super busy this week in Red Kites, settling back into our routines and learning, and starting lots of new sequences.

Within English, our focus is writing to entertain, specifically through creating a mystery/suspense story. As part of our elicitation task this week, the children wrote their own mysterious story about this image. Here are some of the “chilling” sentences...



‘Then, I heard some distant murmuring and saw a light through the swarm of pine trees.’

‘I knock on the door. It creaks open and a raspy, dry voice calls out, “come in” ...’

‘Then I felt it, rotten hands as cold as death grab me and my friends. Everything went black.’

‘I hear nothing, and I see nothing. I am lost in the middle of nowhere...’

We delved into our first history lesson this week, where I set the children a task of using images to guess what our sequence was all about – Crime and Punishment! We talked about what crime means, how they perceive punishment, and what this might have looked like from the Roman period to modern day. We ended our session by writing predictions within our history books, about what types of punishments the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Medieval period and Victorians had. I am looking forward to seeing how accurate their predictions are as we venture further into our history sessions.

As mentioned in the home learning section, we will be partaking in another set of SATs papers this half term. This is to help me edit and adapt planning within the coming weeks ahead and prioritise where to go next in our learning sequences post-Christmas. The children were amazing last time, and I have no doubt that they will bring that determination and resilience again.

As always, any questions or queries, please do catch me during drop off or collection time, or 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

**Maisie** – for consistently striving to achieve her best in all that she does, being a supportive friend and brightening our classroom with a smile every morning.



### 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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