



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th 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, we will resume weekly questions, and these will be taken from our recent papers to investigate further.

On google classroom, there are also some videos to support learning our carols for the upcoming church service.

Dear Parents/Carers,

These weeks seem to be flying by – however this one has been particularly special. We have begun our Gingerbread Christmas village project within DT! The children loved looking at past design ideas and creating a mood board of images, thoughts and mind maps based on their own possible designs. By Monday next week, we will finalise our designs and make templates. Then later into next week we will have our **dough-making session next Thursday, 25th November**, so please send your child to school with the following items in a name-labelled bag, if possible:

- a large and a small mixing bowl
- 3 spoons – a wooden spoon for mixing, a tablespoon and a teaspoon for measuring
- A sieve
- An apron (or spare t shirt/jumper!)
- A tea towel

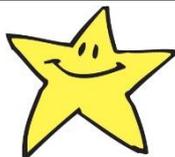
We will have some of all the above items available in school and so can supply these for your child if you are unable. However, to facilitate the smooth-running of this activity it is helpful if as many children as possible can bring their own equipment in. You will receive a letter providing more information about this project and requesting your support, if possible, to help make this fabulously festive project a success 😊

We are also incredibly excited as this week we have started finalising plans for our 5/6 Christmas Market, where we have talked about potential items we would like to make to sell, and things we would like to have readily available for crafting on the day. A separate letter has gone out detailing the events, and the children with year 6 already know what design ideas they have in mind. Some of these we will be making within school, during our afternoon sessions/forest school. Other children have asked if they can be made at home, and I happy for this to be done, but equally please do not go spending lots of money on provision of resources; if there are things your child requires for their crafts to sell, please let us know if we can help.

Lots of wonderful Christmas related events this week, alongside our wonderful day to day learning – which Red Kites never fail to impress me with. You are all superstars.

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

Harlee- for always making such positive and thoughtful contributions to our class discussions and consistently modelling our values of wisdom and trust.



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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