



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Swifts Weekly Newsletter



Friday 12th November 2021

Reading –

Please read at least 4 times a week and record what you have read in your reading record.

Spellings –

We will complete a test on Friday 12th November.

Home learning

This week, your home learning is on google classrooms.

PE

Monday (indoor)
Thursday (outdoor)

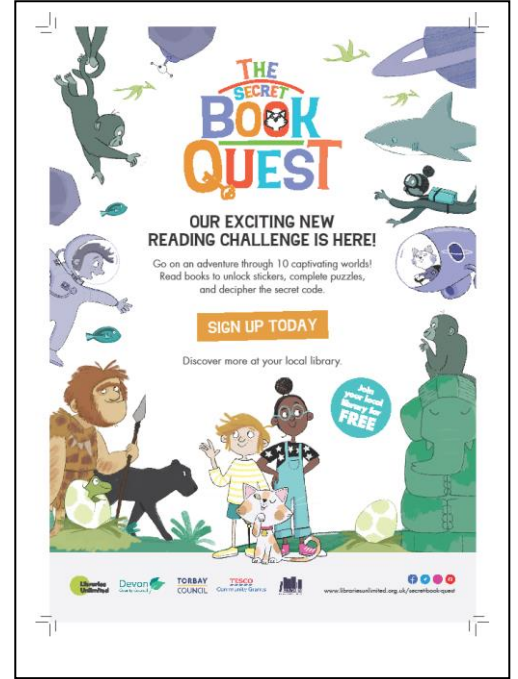
Class Attendance

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have some exciting information from Totnes library about a new reading challenge: **The Secret Book Quest**. This is designed to encourage a lifelong love of reading in children. The challenge is aimed at children over the age of five, with the target of getting them to have fun reading books.

Every child who signs up will receive a special Secret Book Quest booklet packed full of puzzles, fun facts and activities. There are 10 themed 'zones' for children to travel through including animals, underwater, space and technology. To complete the Quest and win a prize, they must read five books for each zone and collect all the code-stickers along the way – a total of 50 books. The final sticker is the missing piece that enables them to decipher a secret code and complete the challenge! To sign-up, please visit your local library where your child will receive a to Secret Book Quest booklet and their first sticker. See below for further information from Totnes library.



Please be aware that next week Mrs Honey will be teaching on Monday and Dr Short will be teaching on Friday. PE will be on Monday and Thursday, next week.

If you have any concerns or queries then please do not hesitate to email the office dartington@lapsw.org and this will be forwarded onto us.

Best wishes,
Mrs Honey and Dr Short



Star of the Week

Elmo – for showing our school values in ALL that he does and for fantastic progress in his learning. Well done for being such a superstar – we're so proud of you. 😊



Important!

PE kits are needed on Monday and Thursday next week.

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school.

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Y5 spellings (for test on Friday 19th November)

List A

Long vowel 'O' -o:

go
no
oval
old
yo-yo

List B:

Words from the
5/6 spellings list

amateur
average
awkward
bargain
controversy

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Dear Head Teacher,

The Secret Book Quest is a brand-new reading challenge designed to encourage a lifelong love of reading in children. The challenge is aimed at children over the age of five, with the target of getting them to have fun reading 50 books.

The **Secret Book Quest** is completely **FREE** and a great way to inspire children to develop their reading skills. Library staff are on hand to support the children, helping them to discover new authors and explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading. The library is completely free to join - so any children who are not already members can be signed up at the same time as joining The Secret Book Quest.

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How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library and receive a Secret Book Quest booklet and their first sticker
- Children borrow and read 50 books of their own choice, collecting special stickers along the way to add to their booklet.
- Library staff are on hand to advise and help find books they'll love
- Children are presented with a certificate upon reaching the halfway mark (reading 25 books) and again when they complete the challenge (reading 50 books), along with a special finisher's prize.

How do schools benefit?

- **The Secret Book Quest** is inclusive and can support pupils of **ALL** abilities to achieve. There is no rush to complete the challenge, allowing children to read at their own pace and select books that they enjoy – be that fiction, poetry, picture books, comics and more.
- It helps your school to meet the requirements of the English national curriculum, working towards the aim to: ***develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information.***
- It supports your school's reading policy and your mission for all children to read more widely and for pleasure
- It allows children to become more independent in their reading when choosing books and develop their individual tastes and interests
- It takes place at your local library and is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in other free, extra-curricular activities and events
- It helps to make up for the loss of reading skills due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Please find enclosed a poster for **The Secret Book Quest** for you to display in school.

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Do let us know if you have any questions regarding our new reading challenge, or if you would like to visit us at the library!

Yours sincerely,

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