



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Woodpeckers Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 26th November 2021**



## HOME LEARNING

**Google Classroom** - The class code for our class is: ydsw2zh

**Reading** – Please continue to read at least four times per week at home.

### Spellings –

Please learn the spellings from the lists attached. There is a support group list for those children for whom spelling is particularly tricky.

### Maths-

Keep practising your number facts using the TT Rockstars and Numbots apps.



**ROUTINES** *Please note these routines are subject to change.*

**PE – Monday (outdoor) and Wednesdays (indoor)**

**Forest School – Tuesdays**

**Please continue to ensure your child has a water bottle and a waterproof coat (with a hood) with them each day. Thank you.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a great one for our value of creativity. We've been working on writing "expanded noun phrases" in our English and have used these to create paragraphs showing a good balance of action and description. I was really impressed with what the children produced, their writing was worthy of any real life author. London wrote, "The horse kicks off and into the dark, mystical forest they go. They ride and ride on the bumpy, rocky path as Merida shoots every target dangling dangerously on slim branches of the shadowy, tall trees." Wow, what a great mix of action and description to really build a picture for the reader!

We also started work on our packaging designs in our DT. The children now know that they need to create a box to contain a small gingerbread man shaped Christmas decoration and have come up with some creative solutions to meet this brief.



In Forest School this week, the children had multiple options for how to be creative. Some children chose to create these gorgeous leaf wreaths and Nia spent her outdoor learning time moulding this incredible dragon. Great work everyone.

In other news, we have now started a new festive class novel, Matt Haig's A Boy Called Christmas, as chosen by several members of our class. We are really intrigued by the story

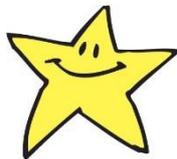
so far and wondering how a poor woodcutter's son from Finland could be the key to the secret backstory of Father Christmas. Watch this space! As always, please get in touch if needed using our email address, [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org) Kind regards, Mrs Foucher

**A date for your diary: Please join us for Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm**



**Attendance:** Thank you to everyone for continuing to do everything you can to make sure children are in school as much as possible. Please continue to bring your child to school if they are well enough - unless they have had a positive test result.

Please remember that every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.



### Star of the Week

**This week's star learner is Louis, for consistently challenging himself to be the best he can be. 😊**



### Important!

**Please bring in any donations of pre-loved toys and books by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November for Skyla and Harriet's charity stall, raising money for the Brooke animal charity. The stall will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and donations of cakes to sell would be very welcome too. Thank you.**

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Year 4 spellings	Support spelling list
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