



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 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, I have given some Christmas related maths activities to have a go at!

Have a go on TTRockstars this week – see if you can set me a challenge to beat!!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a week.

I honestly am in awe of what we have achieved this week. We have pulled off Christmas lunch, the children serving others across the school, as well as decorating our gingerbread houses – a sticky, yummy treat! And finally, crafting and pulling together all our wonderful ideas for the Christmas fair; selling to our family and friends within the community. We cannot wait to see how much we raise for both refugees and our wider trips/residential in the upcoming year.

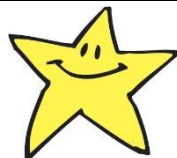
Alongside all the above, we have also managed to start writing our final narratives this week. The children have been working so hard to create high quality outcomes, that include all our learning from this half term, as well as sticking to the theme of suspense. We started the week by making a checklist, to help us remember anything important that we wanted to include, and my favourite line came from Tom, who said “Don’t rush.” We have said this every time we have started a new paragraph, or section of our plan, and it has really helped remind ourselves that quality is better than quantity. I am so excited to read the final pieces all together once complete – they already had me gripped after a few paragraphs on Tuesday!!

We have also come to the end of our maths sequence for this term, and I have been so impressed with our written outcomes within our books – the children are really taking notice of how they show a method or prove and explain their understanding more deeply. If you haven’t already, check out our social media pages, as Mrs Huish posted some wonderful examples from across our books! Next week, will begin our fractions sequence, ready to continue into the new year 😊

In History, we came to the end of our sequence this week, where the children thought carefully about how modern-day crime and punishment can have many similarities (alongside the differences!) to crime and punishment within past eras. The children applied all that they had learnt and understood from the last few weeks, discussing how they appropriately punish a crime, if they were a judge within our judicial system today.

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

**Delilah** – for her amazing maths reasoning this week; showing, and proving her understanding through explanations, drawings, and written methods.



### Important!

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and possibly a spare pair of clothing at present. The weather is so unpredictable, and we have had some children getting wet and muddy during outdoor sessions this week!

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