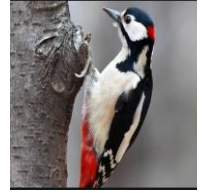




DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Woodpeckers Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th December 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. Last week's Rockstars winner was **Mia** and our Numbots winner was **Santi**. Amazing work both of you!



ROUTINES

Please note these routines are subject to change.

PE – Monday (outdoor) and Wednesdays (indoor)

Forest School – Tuesdays

Dear Parents and Carers,
We've finally come to the end of this first term of the year and what a long and exhausting one it has been for everyone. However, I have been so proud of the children for how far they have come and how much they have achieved. As the children know, my role as assistant head involves not just looking after my class, but also supporting classes and teachers across the school. This sometimes means that I juggle a number of different things whilst also looking after the children in Woodpeckers class. Never has this been more apparent than the past two weeks, during which my year 3 and 4 colleagues have been off school. I have been so impressed with the patience and resilience Woodpeckers class members have shown while I have been busy planning and organising things for three classes rather than just the one. This is why they are all my stars this week. Thank you Woodpeckers, you have been simply wonderful. 😊

Even during this turbulent time, the children have continued to focus brilliantly on their learning. This week we completed our DT box project and used these to package up our salt dough Christmas decorations. We've also reached the end of our history Medieval Totnes topic by answering the question "If you had lived in Medieval Totnes, would you rather have been a peasant or a lord/lady?" We've demonstrated our progress in maths by completing some "end of block" assessment questions and we've also finished writing our "stories with a castle setting" in English. One of my favourite moments this week was this scene of Bo and Fred enjoying listening to each other's stories as we went through the editing and redrafting phase of our final write! We have also recorded a bit of festive fun with our Woodpeckers Christmas carols. We decided to share some festive tunes as well as a couple of Woodpeckers favourites, we hope you enjoyed them. Thank you all for your support for your wonderful children as well as for this school team this term. Wishing you all a restful and healthy Christmas break. Kind regards, Mrs Foucher



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 learners are ALL of Woodpeckers class – for being so resilient and patient during a tricky few weeks!



Important!

First day of Spring term: Wednesday 5th January 2022

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

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Year 4 spellings	Support spelling list
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The children have chosen to continue with these spellings and review them in the first week of January.

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