



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022



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, there are 2 questions shared via google classrooms – One is a reasoning style question for maths, and the other is a SPAG style question.

Dear Parents/Carers,

A full week complete – and what a week it has been. It's been heart-warming to watch Red Kites settle back in, coming in with smiling faces and getting stuck into their learning.

We kicked off the week with our very first Art lesson of the term. This is going to be linked to our upcoming history sequence in Spring 2; WW2 inspired artwork. We started by looking at some images of WW2 paintings and drawings and thought carefully about common themes across each image. The children quickly realised that shade and tone through pencils and charcoal, alongside skills such as cross-hatching and blending were going to be a key element in our own future drawings. We used our sketchbooks to trial using different pencils and charcoal thicknesses to draw 3D shapes and shade appropriately.

In our Geography lesson this week, we began by recapping physical and human features, and how we could see these within our school area. We then applied this to maps of Totnes and the surrounding areas, using an OS key to help us decipher different symbols, deciding which fitted as human or physical features.

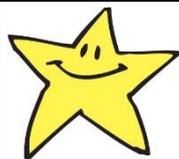
We chose our class book at the end of last week; the children had the choice of voting for; The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho Yen, The Lion above the door by Onjali Rauf, or When the Sky falls by Phil Earle. At the time, the children only had the blurbs for each book, read aloud before voting. It was a close tie between The Boy in the Tower, and The Lion above the door – but Onjali Rauf just pipped it to the post! We are already a few chapters in and the children are intrigued to find out more about Leo and Sangeeta, who are the main characters within the story, facing hardship with other classmates due to their heritage.

Remember to login to Times Tables Rock Stars to help practise your times tables, each week there is the opportunity for one member of our class to win a certificate for the highest amount of; minutes played; coins earned; days active; and correct answers. It will really help speed the process of recall, which is useful within our maths lessons, and when practicing SATs style questions.

As always, any questions or queries, please email dartington@lapsw.org or see me during drop off/collection time.

Best wishes, Miss Humphries 😊

Thursday the 20th of January is Census American Day for school dinners! The kitchen will be providing a special meal for the occasion. If you would like to join in with the fun that please can you update your children's meal on the school gateway.



Star of the Week

Frankie – for his amazing enthusiasm within his maths learning this week; applying his knowledge of multiplication to help with fractions, and persevering when things get tricky!



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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