



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th 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 is a maths weekly question challenge where you could earn up to 50 FFPs!! Alongside this, there is some Geography home learning that links to our very first lesson starting next week.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a restful, and joyful Christmas break, spending time with loved ones and enjoying the magical festivities. It has been so lovely to see so many smiling faces on the door as we returned, and hearing all about the children’s adventures.

We kickstarted our week with our new writing sequence; writing to persuade! Our children are always passionate about wanting to make a change/difference in the world around us, and I just know that their final letters in 6 weeks’ time about stopping deforestation will be nothing short of incredible! I am really excited to see Red Kites get stuck into this challenge. Our class text for English, “The great Kapok tree” will be the focus of our Guided reading sessions over the next week.

Our PE days have continued to stay the same this term; **Wednesday PM will be indoor PE** (gymnastics) and **Thursday AM will be outdoor PE** (handball). Our **forest school session** has changed, this will no longer be a Friday PM, but a **Thursday PM instead**. Please can I ask that children are sent with spare clothing on this day as weather is very unpredictable at this time of year for forest school. With the change in forest school session to a Thursday, we will now be having Science and Library time on a Friday afternoon instead.

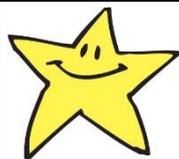
Our RE session this week introduced our investigating question, “What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?” We used maps and research online to identify which cities across the UK had the highest number of Mosques. This really made the children realise that in smaller cities within Devon for example, there are far fewer than in the centre of Manchester! The children were really surprised to see the percentages of how many people follow Islamic religion within Exeter, vs the whole world.

This week, we also had the opportunity to vote collectively as a class for our chosen novel to read together this half term. The children were given solely the blurb of a selection of 3 books and had to decide which one tempted them the most. I will do a grand reveal within our next newsletter of what the final choice came to be!

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

Jagger – for settling in so beautifully in his first few days with us at Dartington; taking everything in his stride and getting stuck into our learning!



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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