DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Swifts
Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

Reading –
Please read at least 4 times a week and record what you have read in your reading record.

Spellings –
We will complete a test on Fridays.

Home learning
This week, your home learning is on google classrooms.

PE
Thursday (outdoor)
Friday (indoor)

Class Attendance -
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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful time this week!

In Science, we explored light, and found out that light travels in straight lines. We had great fun showing how light travels by creating our own models with wool. We then showed how light travels and how mirrors can reflect light!

In English, we have deepened our understanding of persuasive writing and have furthered our knowledge of how to multiply up to a four-digit number by one digit, as well as how to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000 in maths. We have also put our map reading skills to the test to help us identify a range of human and physical geographical features in the local area – well done for all your hard work this week Swifts!

Our forest school sessions are now on a *Thursday morning*. As in the autumn term, our outdoor PE lessons are on Thursdays (handball) and Fridays (gymnastics). Please could children bring in their PE kit to school: Dartington t-shirt (which can be purchased via the link sent), black, dark blue or grey shorts/leggings (or jogging bottoms for colder weather) and lace up or velcro fastening sports training shoes. We request that this is kept in school. We will aim to go out for a run as often as we can (as a 'movement break' between lessons) so please ensure that your child has a coat and suitable footwear in school every day.

With lots of focus on times tables for our multiplication and division topic in maths it is fantastic to see so many children logging on to Times Table Rock Stars. Please keep on logging on and practising these at home. Remember that 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.

If you have any concerns or queries, then please do not hesitate to email the office dartington@lapsw.org and this will be forwarded onto us.

Best wishes,
Dr Short and Mr Chadwick

Star of the Week
Phoenix – we are incredibly proud with all your hard work in your learning this week. Well done for being such an excellent role model and for showing our school values in all that you do!

Important!
Thursday 20th January – please book an American themed school lunch for school census day.

Together we grow, Together we flourish

Y5 spellings (for test on Friday 21st January)	
List A **'ee' sounds** **see** **tree** **feel** **three** **green**	**List B:** Year 5/6 WORDS shoulder signature stomach temperature twelfth

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