



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 11th March 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

– Thank you to all of those who had a go at the arithmetic questions last week for home learning. This week, there are some reasoning style questions to have a go at instead, from the 2017 paper that we have completed previously. Please take your time in having a go at these!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fabulous week within Red Kites, filled with lots of brilliant learning.

Our week started with beginning our DT sequence for this half term. The focus is for us to build small-scale structures to support our wildlife in the forest school area. The children had the choices of either a hedgehog house, bat box, bird house or bug hotel, and then created a mind map within their sketchbooks of what they would like their potential designs to look like aesthetically and materials they'd use to create this.

In our history this week, we focused in on how the Blitz affected our locality, by reading about events that took place in both Totnes and Plymouth. We then looked specifically at sources for Plymouth, and the impact this had on businesses, families, the dockyard etc. This led to the children creating a fact file to summarise their findings about the impact of the Plymouth Blitz.

We have been really enjoying our English writing sequence over the last fortnight, focusing specifically on up levelling our vocabulary and crafting each element of our sentences carefully before writing them. I have been so impressed by the quality of the children's responses, and I think they can tell how excited I get by the "ooh's" and "ahh's" I give when they are sharing their ideas collectively!!

Alongside this we were fortunate enough to be able to visit KEVICC this week to watch their performance of "A Midsummer's Night's Dream", I will share some images next week of our adventure! Thursday was action packed as the children also had Mrs Hulbert in the morning, who led a Frazoo style session with the children – what a treat!

As our Year 6's become more independent, there has been an increase in children walking down to meet you at the bottom of the hill/park. If this is something you have agreed recently with your child, can I please ask you to prompt them in the morning, as on some occasions last week children thought they were going to after school club, but were meant to walk and meet you. If you have any questions or queries, please do email [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org) or see me at the classroom door during drop off and collection times.

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

**Torin** – for his super sentence creations this week within our English lessons, and thoughtful responses during discussion time.



### 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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