



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

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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 –

I have given an extension on reasoning paper 3, due to the fact I accidentally printed the wrong papers last Friday! If you have completed these, please have a go at the questions via the link in the main newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where do the weeks go?! Honestly flying by!

We have had another busy week, filled with lots of lovely learning. We are really progressing with our new writing sequence this half term, developing our understanding of vocabulary and different grammatical terms; we even included pathetic fallacy, similes, colons, and hyphens within this week's sentence stackings! It has been great to read snippets of "The Firework-Maker's Daughter" as we go, as the children are coming up with their own version of the story, before hearing what happens in the book!

In maths this week, we have been finalising our learning on decimals, particularly multiplying, and dividing them by a whole number. This would be something I would really appreciate continued practice support with at home, in the run up to SATs. The children may have mentioned we are currently having a second maths lesson daily, where our focus this last week and a half has been coordinates. Next week, we will move into percentages in our main maths lessons, and then have a recap of perimeter and area within our second maths lesson. Last week's home learning has been extended slightly, as I accidentally printed reasoning paper 2 again, when I was meant to give reasoning paper 3 – apologies! If you finish the reasoning paper before next week, as I mentioned in the home learning, there is a link here to an arithmetic paper (exact same style questions as actual SATs papers) to have a go at. You can have a go at these on paper, and then bring that paper into school on Friday next week. <https://myminimaths.co.uk/year-6-arithmetic-practice-paper-week-7/>

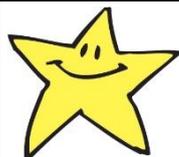
I really enjoyed our history session this week, as we looked closely at who evacuees were, where they came from, and what happened because of them leaving their hometowns. We listened to a BBC radio report, which helped us to better understand that some children at the time saw this more as a "holiday" or "adventure" as many did not mention they had left their homes due to the war. We then used all of the information we had listened to and read, to create our own evacuee "identity cards" alongside a suitcase filled with our most prized possessions.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please come and find me at drop off or collection times, or email dartington@lapsw.org and this will be forwarded onto me.

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

Leon – for his fabulous sentence stacking this week in English, I was so impressed by your vocabulary choices and discussions with those next to you in class.



Important!

The weather is everchanging at the moment, and as we begin to enter warmer weather, please can you ensure your child has a water bottle in school at all times.

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