



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Swifts Weekly Newsletter



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 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 (indoor)  
Friday (outdoor)

## 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,

What a lovely week we have had in Swifts this week! We were fortunate enough to be invited to KEVICC this week to watch a performance of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”. We will share some photos of our adventure next week!

We have been using our fabulous English text, I believe in Unicorns (by Michael Morpurgo) to help us write metaphors and similes. Swifts have been fantastic at generating our amazing word bank to help support their writing! Well done everybody! This term, we are focussing on using evidence from the text to support answering inference questions. It has been great to see everybody’s reasoning ability in our reading sessions which are focussing on the same text.

In Maths, we have revised how to use short division. We have used place value charts to help explore our reasoning when multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

In our History lessons, Swifts have learned about how our local area was affected during the Blitz. It was great to see the children exploring a range of different resources. We were even able to explore some fantastic artefacts from the time, including rationing books and identity cards. Here are some pictures from the day:



PE is on Thursdays (indoor - dance) and Friday (outdoor - cricket). Please remember to bring in your PE kits and suitable footwear for each of these sessions. Also remember to bring coats suitable for the current weather.

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

Best wishes,  
Dr Short and Mr Chadwick



### Star of the Week

Matilda – It has been great to see and hear all your fantastic ideas in our lessons! Well done for being such a wonderful role model in our class.



### Important!

Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit to school each Thursday morning. Forest school is also each Thursday.

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Y5 spellings (for test on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March)

**List A**  
**'oy' sounds**

boy  
toy  
annoy  
joy  
destroy  
joystick

**List B:**  
**Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in 'fer'**

referring  
referred  
referral  
preferring  
preferred  
transferring  
transferred

When adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters (e.g. -ing, -ed, -al) the -r is doubled if the -fer is stressed when the ending is added (e.g. as in the word **referring**).

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