



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

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Reading –

Please read at least four times a week at home. If you can, try logging on to accelerated reader and trying a book quiz!

Home learning –

This week, I have given a past SPAG paper to have a go at. Please can you also have a conversation with your child about maths- please see the first paragraph of the newsletter for what to discuss.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Penultimate week complete – the children have been spectacular!

We kickstarted the week with starting our new maths sequence, and we are now covering percentages! The children have been focusing on understanding what “percent” means, alongside how to convert between fractions, decimals, and percentages. Alongside this, we are also looking at area and perimeter in our early afternoon maths slot (this used to be where our daily times table session happened). It would be great if you can ask your child a little bit about their learning within maths, any areas they feel they are confident in and any areas they feel they need to work on. I can use this to inform our mini maths sessions early afternoon, alongside sharing home learning/revision for over half term.

Alongside maths, we also started our independent write plans this week. It is very exciting for us as this is all very new and we are learning together as we go! The children will be writing about the ending to “the Firework-maker’s daughter” and using the plot points we have thought about collectively, and all our grammar elements from across our sequence, to draw together their final pieces. I am really looking forward to seeing what they produce!

In history this week, the children had the opportunity to write an evacuee account, based on a child they had created. They read lots of accounts from children at the time who had come to Torquay, Barnstaple, Paignton, and Ilfracombe, from cities up country. This really helped to inform them of what it was like for a child during this time, and then reflect this into their own pieces, alongside our previous lessons which helped inform us what life was like in WW2 also.

Our science lesson this week allowed the opportunity for children to explore air resistance and how it works. The children investigated Galileo and his theory before thinking about they could apply this to designing a parachute to allow the customers of a parachute company to fall from the aeroplane as slowly and safely as possible. It was great to hear their thought processes in predictions alongside how the surface area of the parachute could affect the flight.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come, and see me at the classroom door during drop off or pick up, or email dartington@lapsw.org.

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. It is important as we get closer to SATs week, the children are in as much as they physically can be, as we are completing lots of revision and new learning over the next few weeks.



Star of the Week

Tom – for his fabulous attitude to learning over the last fortnight, making careful choices within his written outcomes and modelling to others our school values.



Important!

The weather is everchanging now, and as we begin to enter warmer weather, please can you ensure your child always has a water bottle in school.

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