



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2022



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 –

If you still have the SATs papers, please feel free to continue looking at these over the next week. If not, then please revisit any areas personally that you may not feel 100% confident in. For example – multiplying fractions or finding a percentage of an amount.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful half term break. I have heard lots of snippets of adventures and birthday party celebrations happening during our time away from school – however it is also so lovely to have all children back in school!!

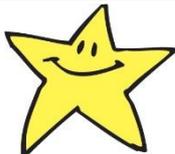
This week in English, we have been focusing on finishing our narratives from before half term, based on the Firework-Maker's daughter. The children have been really enthused with adding their own spin on the story and making careful choices about language and description as they go. I am so excited to read the final pieces altogether!

Within our PE this week, we have had the opportunity to start utilising our knowledge from our previous gymnastics lessons whilst also using the equipment. We used both the benches and vaults to practice different styles of jumps; pike, straddle, star and tuck, alongside manoeuvring on the equipment safely. In our outdoor session this week, we have begun looking into techniques needed within Athletics. This week's focus was running, and how we can use our arms to help drive our legs and built this up to reaction sprints; for example, children sitting on the floor, then having to get up and run a certain distance at speed. It was great to see teamwork and support for one another during these activities!

You may have seen an email this week regarding SATs week, beginning 9th May. If you are yet to see this, the same message is here below –

On the week commencing 9th May, all year 6 children will be sitting their SATs papers, every morning from Monday through to Thursday. As part of this, we have worked to create smaller, more personalised groups with an adult they are already familiar with, so that the children are able to feel more relaxed, and have the relevant support needed for them. Alongside this, we are offering the children breakfast in Red Kites classroom from Monday-Thursday. To facilitate this, and have Red Kites in on time, we are opening our school gates earlier, **this is only for year 6**. It is imperative that every child is in on time, so we ask for your support to get every child in for a lovely SATS breakfast at 08:20. This will enable the children to come together, share some food and social time, ironing out any concerns or last-minute nerves before we go off to our groups. Some of the tests are scheduled for 9am start and it will really unsettle the children if they arrive only moments before without having time to chat and answer last minute questions! Please, if you know there will be any difficulties within this week to get the children in no later than 8.30am, let us know in advance so that we can try and facilitate support. Any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to email dartington@lapsw.org and it will be passed on to 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. 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

Alice L – for her thoughtful and creative responses within her final write. I was hooked from the very beginning! Thank you for always being a caring, trustworthy member of Red Kites and supporting those around you.



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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