



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Swifts Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st April 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,

We have had a very busy week, with our fantastic tea party at the end!

In our English lessons, we have been planning our own stories to write based on 'I believe in Unicorns'. It has been lovely to hear the wonderful ideas being shared in our class and to learn how Swifts think the story will be resolved. It will be great to see how these brilliant ideas work in the stories being written next week!

In Maths, we have learned about multiples, factors and squared numbers. As we move into next week, we will be learning about cubed numbers where we multiply a number to the power of 3 (e.g. $3 \times 3 \times 3$). After this, we will be moving onto our new topic of fractions!

Throughout our RE lessons this term we have been learning all about Judaism, and have learned all about the Torah. We have really enjoyed learning about kosher foods and identifying which foods can and cannot be eaten. In our History lessons, we have been learning more about WW2 and how children were evacuated to safety.

We had lots of fun this week in science where we researched how shape the shape of an object affects water resistance. We learned that the larger surface area of a plasticine disk meant the shape had more water resistance than a cone. Through this experiment we recorded how long each shape took to fall through a measuring jug of water and learned how to make observations to show how each shape travelled.

Remember to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots to help learn number facts. Do let us know if you have any difficulties logging on to Google Classrooms or any other websites. If you have any concerns or queries, then please do not hesitate to email the office dartington@lapsw.org and this will be forwarded onto us.

Best wishes,
Dr Short and Mr Chadwick



Star of the Week

Annie-Lou – you are such a wonderful role model in your learning, including showing off your fantastic skills in PE. We are so proud to have you in Swifts. Well done Annie-Lou!



Important!

Forest school is on Thursday mornings.

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Y5 spellings (for test on Friday 8th April)

List A 'i-e' words

smile
white
nice
like
time
hide

List B:
'ough' words
ought
thought
rough
tough
though
although
thorough
borough
plough

The ough letter string has lots of different pronunciations (compare ought/rough/though/borough/plough) – can you find any other ough words to put into these different groups?

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