



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 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 –

Please just take the time this weekend to enjoy time with your family, activities that you love or even just catching up on some sleep!

Don't forget to take a moment with your hot chocolate and either a film or good book 😊

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by, and we have been busy getting stuck into lots of new learning.

This week, within our geography learning, we have been focusing on what climate zones we have within our world, and how this differs depending on a given countries location. The children had the opportunity to colour coordinate a map with the following zones: torrid, temperate and frigid; along with using an atlas to locate countries that fall within these zones. We will be using this to help us better understand biomes next week.

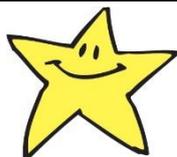
Within our English and reading this week, we started exploring our new text, Everest by Sangma Francis. We started by predicting what this book would be about, and whether we felt it would be fiction or non-fiction. Our reading sessions have helped us begin looking into what the book is about, whilst both retrieving and interpreting questions based on this. Then, in our English, we have been using both our Everest text, alongside three other non-fiction types; an investigation, a fact file, and a biography, to decipher what key features we really need within our writing. It was really interesting to listen into conversations about how these text types impact a reader differently, and what will fit best with our end outcome of an informative text.

Just a reminder –

Next week, all year 6 children will be sitting their SATs papers, every morning from Monday through to Thursday. The children have already been made aware of which group they will be a part of, and which adult they will be supported by. These groups are smaller, to help them feel more relaxed, and have the relevant support that is needed. As mentioned last week, we will be offering breakfast every morning 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 by 08:20. This will enable the children to come together, share some food and social time, iron out any concerns or last-minute nerves before we go off to our groups. Some of the tests are scheduled for a prompt 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](mailto: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

**Rosa** – Thank you for always putting in 110% into all that you do; your efforts and compassion never go unnoticed! Your explanations and written outcomes are of high quality and a joy to see within your books.



### 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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