



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Swifts Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th May 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
Friday

Class

Attendance -

Thank you to everyone for continuing to do everything we can to make sure children are in school as much as possible.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been fantastic, we have loved seeing the children enjoy their learning in class.

In our English lessons, we have been writing our very own information texts to explain how Mount Everest and the Himalayas were formed. Swifts have used a range of skills in writing, including using subheadings and precise vocabulary to explain. This week we have learned about a theodolite and how maths can be used to measure mountains. In Maths lessons, Swifts have been using Cuisenaire rods to support their learning about fractions. This week the class have explored fractions, fractions smaller than one and fractions larger than one.

In Science, the children had a fantastic time searching for different plants in our forest school area. Swifts explored how plants use pollination and runners to create new plants. They also examined how bulbs and cuttings can be used to create new plants.

Our Geography lessons have explored facts about different biomes. Swifts have researched cold and hot desert biomes, deciduous forests, tundra and savanna biomes. They have also researched the flora and fauna found in each biome. This week, as homework, we would like Swifts to choose two biomes to research – further details can be found on Google Classrooms.

This term, our PE sessions have been great fun and the class have been practising their athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. It has been fantastic to see our class working so well as a team and we have really enjoyed seeing their confidence in completing relays and javelin throwing improve over this term. Our class forest school session is each Thursday with outdoor PE on a Thursday morning. As the weather has been very unpredictable this week, please could we remind Swifts to bring in a hooded waterproof coat and footwear suitable for the weather into school each day.

Please log on to Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots to help learn number facts. If you have any concerns or queries, then please email the office dartington@lapsw.org and this will be forwarded onto us.

Best wishes,
Dr Short and Mr Chadwick



Star of the Week

Poppy – Well done for all your fantastic work this week, particularly in English and Science! You are such a great role model to all of Swifts.



Important!

Forest school is on Thursday mornings.

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Y5 spellings (for test on Friday 27th May)

List A
'ur' words

burn
turn
spurt
nurse
purse
hurt

List B:
Homophones and
near homophones

aloud
allowed
affect
effect
altar
alter
ascent
assent

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