



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 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 –

Practice your character's lines.

Think about your expression, how you might stand, and if your character is directed to enter and exit at different points of the script.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to summer term, our final 6 and a bit weeks together, before our wonderful Red Kites fly the nest – pardon the pun!

We started the week with creating some Jubilee inspired art ahead of the street party, from paper bunting, to collage inspired flags! It was a lovely afternoon in preparation for a shared lunch. Thank you to those who attended, the children loved having their parents in to sit and eat lunch with, alongside creating a fantastic Andy Warhol inspired piece using a Queen Elizabeth portrait!! I will share some photos via social media or our next newsletter, if you were unable to attend 😊

This week has been full of buzz around our production Peter Pan, as auditions were held earlier in the week, and then roles have been allocated. Your child should come home with a NEW adapted script, which works for our cohort size. Some children may have a large role, some may have smaller roles, they might also double up as two characters who have few lines, or they may have a role which requires no speaking! We will kickstart practicing as a class next week, but if children could begin learning their lines at home as much as possible, this would be fantastic! Next week, a letter will come home regarding a costume for your child's character – this does NOT have to be elaborate or purchased brand new, we had lots of costumes for last year's production that were made from things such as bed sheets or old clothes from home that had bits and pieces added to them, and then props made in school from cardboard etc. The children love being a part of the creative process, and this is something we will focus on when we are completing rehearsals.

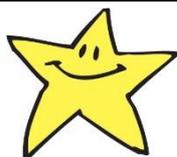
We also started our swimming lessons this week, which is a lovely opportunity for our children to use our local facilities to recap previous skills, learn new games and understand how to be water safe. Let's hope the weather holds out for the remaining sessions too, ha!

Finally, amongst all the above, the children finished their final writes this week. I have loved watching them take ownership of both their own research, followed by planning their outcome. They have written a real high-quality informative text about their chosen biome, including parts about their chosen flora and fauna interests, as well as captivating the reader with a variety of grammar skills. I am excited to start our new writing sequence this half term, which is based on creating their own narrative poetry!

If you have any questions or queries, as always email [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org) or find me at the beginning/end of day in the classroom.

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. 😊



### Star of the Week

**Jake** – for his positive work ethic, fantastic final write and confidence in not only his audition for our production, but the responses he gives in discussion time!



### Important!

The weather is everchanging at the moment, please can children be prepared with both coats, and water bottles, as we are finding come break/lunch times we are sometimes caught in showers!

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