



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st July 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,

Where are the weeks going?!

This week, we have really got stuck into production. I have witnessed trees being made, leaves being cut and painted, a ship coming to life out of palettes and cardboard boxes, nursery furniture painted and adorned, paper rocks, fabric leaves for costumes, and many more items to come!

Thank you to all those who have managed to source costumes and brought them in. As mentioned previously, if there was anything you were unable to source or make, we are more than happy to do this over the coming weeks before production. I have equally noticed a change in both the children's recall of the songs, and their own lines. Please, please, please can children be practicing these at home, even if it is just 10-15 minutes daily with a sibling or adult, it will pay dividends as we go for full rehearsals in the next week or two.

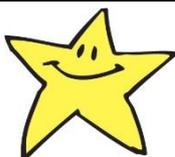
I have really enjoyed our English learning this week, as we have begun our sentence stacking lessons linked to the highwayman poem. The children's imagination and creativity never cease to amaze me, and one of my favourite metaphors this week was the moon being a "beacon of hope" – how stunning!!

I mentioned in last week's newsletter, that I would have something special planned for the near 400 photos I took whilst away on residential, and I do hope that you are able to enjoy sitting down with your child and looking back on the memories they made together. Please can I reiterate, as I did in the email sent out, do NOT share any of this video on social media, as there are some of our families who have consented against things being on social media, and therefore we want to respect their privacy with this.

Next week, we have many things happening related to transition. On Monday and Tuesday (4th/5th), KEVICC are hosting their transition days for all attending in September. If you are not attending KEVICC, please still come into school on these days, as on the Monday, you will support other members of our school in activities and Tuesday we will be on prop making duty! On the 7th July, if your child is due to attend Churston, Torquay boys, Torquay girls, or SDCC this will be their opportunity for a transition day.

On our classroom door, I have put up a sign-up sheet for parents evening. The dates are Monday 11th July or Monday 18th July, if you are yet to sign up for a slot, please do so by the end of next week. If you have any questions or queries, as always email 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

George – (aka Curly!), for his great acting skills within our production practice, as well as producing some beautiful independent sentence staking ideas.



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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