

# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Reading

The ability to read has a massive impact on future academic success and we have noticed a drop off in reading at home in all the classes. Please read with your child at least 3 times per week for 10-15 minutes and note it down in their diaries. Reading with your child is the best way that you can help their education. Please, if there is a barrier to you being able to read at home with your child, let us know.

### English

In English we have been learning how to write newspaper reports. Our focus has been on the dastardly deeds of the mischievous Magpie who we captured this week (see topic section). We are using our knowledge of the who, what, when and where to create great introductions and using our speech punctuation to write quotes.

### Key Info

The children, later in the term, will be creating a shadow puppet nativity which we will then film. We invite you, to come and watch their film as well as hear them sing a few Christmas hymns at the end of December. We will send (free) tickets home nearer the time. The performances will be:

Curie and Keller class December 14<sup>th</sup> pm

Einstein and Owens class December 17<sup>th</sup> pm

### Science Day

Thank you to everyone who came to our recent science day. We hope you enjoyed the activities that we put on. This is our favourite photo from the day ☺



### Topic

We have been incredibly busy in science preparing experiments that will help us find out who the mystery Magpie really is. The first clue we had was that he dropped a staff lanyard at the crime scene. Then, we found where he had hidden his burglar clothes. From that, we looked at, and categorised, materials based on whether they were transparent, translucent or opaque. We had to find a material we could put in the Magpie's bag so that if he tried to cover our security cameras the image would still get through. Then, we looked at which materials reflected light the best so that we could sew some of the material onto his dark clothes meaning that he could be seen. The net finally closed on the Magpie this week and it was revealed that the culprit was none other than the Deputy Head Mr Dack (shame on him).