

# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Reading

In our last newsletter, we wrote to you about the importance of reading to an adult at least three times per week. Unfortunately, only 25% of children did this and had it recorded last week. The education we give our children is vital and the ability to read will give them so many future opportunities whether they choose to follow an academic route or not. To incentivise the children, everyone who reads three times per week with an adult will receive 2 house points.

### English

In English we have been looking at poems. As part of this we have been learning about rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. The children are getting really good at finding how many syllables are in a word and then using this to create lines with a similar number of syllables. Next week, during RE week, we will be writing the nativity story from the point of view of a shepherd.

### Topic

Our topic has now moved from science to art, DT and R.E. We finished off our science work by designing an experiment to see whether shadows can move and change. Unfortunately, due to the weather we still haven't managed to conduct our experiment so if anyone wants to do a sun dance it will be greatly appreciated☺. Now, we are designing and making our shadow puppets for our shadow puppet nativity. All the shadow puppets will be designed by the children and (hopefully) filmed by the children as well. All children will have a few lines to say and they, as well as us, cannot wait to see the end products! If you cannot make it to the showing, we are working on a way to put the finished products onto our website so that the children can show off their talents to all the people they know. Thank you so much for your continued support!

### Key Info

The children are really looking forward to showing you their shadow puppet nativity! Due to space in the classrooms, we will be allocating each child 2 tickets (babies and toddlers can sit on laps and don't require a ticket). This is the first time Year 3 have done a production like this so if you enjoyed it, let us know. Similarly, if there are things we could improve on we'd be glad to hear it

#### Performance times

Curie and Keller class December 14<sup>th</sup> 2:15pm

Einstein and Owens class December 17<sup>th</sup> 2:15pm.

Once the performance has finished you may take your child home or stay with us for a festive video.

### Maths

During the last few weeks, we have been looking at multiplication in maths. We are learning how to partition numbers (split them) so that we can make our calculations more efficient when we come to multiply them. See below for an example!

Handwritten multiplication diagram for  $24 \times 3$ . The number 24 is split into  $10 + 10 + 4$ . The calculation shows  $10 \times 3 = 30$ ,  $10 \times 3 = 30$ , and  $4 \times 3 = 12$ , which are then added together to get 72. A second row shows the same calculation with the numbers 6, 111, 30, 111, 60, 12, 63, 66, 69, 72.