

# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Trips

In Year 3, the children go on two trips which are both in the Summer Term. The first is just after Easter and is a trip to Africa Alive. The second trip is right at the end of the Summer Term and is a visit to Cromer beach and museums to hunt for fossils. However, these trips can only go ahead if we have enough contributions. We are hoping to finalise the dates and costs by the end of the month and we hope that this will give people enough time to save if they need to. As a guide, we estimate that each trip will be around £12.

### English

In English we will be looking at myths and legends and writing the endings of our own mythical adventure stories. As well as using great description, the children will be required to think about how they vary the start of their sentences to make their myths really engaging

### Key Info

Swimming is back again this half term. Children who are in Keller and Owen's class need to have their swimming kit every Thursday. Swimming will start on 17<sup>th</sup> January and not the 10<sup>th</sup> due to pool maintenance.

Curie and Einstein classes will be having their P.E. lessons and will require their P.E. kit on Thursdays

**Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend our shadow puppet nativity in the last weeks of term. Remember you can still find the children's work on the website, so take a look if you can**

### Maths

Next week we will be starting work on statistics, graphs, tables, tally charts and pictograms!

### Topic

We have started our new topic of Ancient China (Shang Dynasty) this week. During our first day all the children got to try activities related to China. In one room we had a Chinese tasting session, while in another, children made a Chinese percussion instrument (Bolang Gu). Chinese lanterns were made and adorned with Chinese symbols and finally, the children did some willow pattern painting

