

# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Reading News

We are starting a new reading competition between the classes next half term. It will be based on growing a plant and will be displayed in the Year 3 corridor. Each week we will work out which class has had the most children reading 3 times per week. The winning classes will then get to add more to their flower! Children will still receive two house points for reading three times per week.

### English

The diary entries are now finished and they were brilliant! The children really enjoyed learning about the Jade Emperor and how he named the years. It was great to contrast the feeling of the sneaky rat who won by riding on ox's back and poor ox who had been kind but who eventually finished second. This week, we have used our diary writing skills again to write an entry based on a practising Jewish person's feeling about Shabbat.

### R.E. Week

This week has been R.E. Week where we have plunged ourselves into looking at how practicing Jews explore their faith. We have looked at the Shabbat (the Jewish holy day) which is on a Saturday, explored a typical Synagogue and the items you would find there and studied some of the major ceremonies including the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Finally we compared the similarities and difference between Judaism and Christianity.



### Key Info

Children who are in Curie and Einstein class need to have their swimming kit every Thursday from next half term.

Owens and Keller classes will be having their P.E. lessons and will require their P.E. kit on Thursdays.

**Parent's evenings will be in early March:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Your child should receive their date and time soon, if not already. If you haven't brought back the slip there is still time.**

### Maths

The children have been building their knowledge of multiplication and division during the past few weeks. They have been looking at how we can use the number facts that they know already to help answer problems with larger numbers. They have also been using their skills to reason and problem solve. Next half term, we will be looking at fractions and time. One thing that parents can do to help their children is to **help them with time**. This is a life skill which, if learned early, can really help their future academic success. All children should understand 'o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past' the hour, as well as understand that there are 60 minutes in an hour and how this is arranged on a clock face.