

Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter

Reading News

A big thank you to all of the parents and carers as well as grannies, grandads and all adults that have heard the children read. We went from approximately 25% of children reading before Christmas to just under 75% of children reading. Year 3 are trialling a new way of teaching reading especially when it comes to comprehension. Please continue to listen to your child read at home. As said before, this is the greatest way you can help your child succeed academically.

English

We have left our own myths behind us (fantastic work by so many of the children). Now we are looking at probably one of the most famous Chinese myths 'How the Chinese named their years'. Please ask the children about this story because they should be able to tell you about it easily. In their writing they are writing a diary entry from the view point of, firstly, the rat, then the cat.

Topic

Towards the end of the half term we switch from our topic on Ancient China to a more scientific topic. We are looking at pushes and pull as well as gravity. We have been conducting experiments using the heights of ramps and cars moving on different surfaces. We found out that surfaces which are smooth produced the least amount of friction and therefore meant the cars moved faster.

Key Info

Children who are in Keller and Owen's class need to have their swimming kit every Thursday.

Curie and Einstein 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 4th March

Wednesday 6th March

Tuesday 12th March

More information will be given nearer the time, however, if you need to see your child's teacher before then feel free to make an appointment or see us on the gate

Maths

Children have been continuing to look at money. We have set up shops and worked on word problems to help give children a real life experience of money. To help your children with this, please make sure they are exposed to real money (ours is unfortunately plastic) and get them to add up a few items of shopping.

