

# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Trips

We are still waiting for more parents to return slips for the Africa Alive trip. Any children who have not returned the slip will be given another next week. Please make sure that we get that slip back ASAP because we need to know whether numbers are sufficient to keep the trip going. In other trip news, our final visit to fossil hunt in Cromer has been costed at £7, however we will not be asking for payment until later in the year.

### English

The children are really doing well on their new topic, writing a persuasive piece about getting people to buy smoothies. As well as this, they will be creating their own smoothies in school and writing about them next week. The children seem to be really enjoying their work, especially creating outrageous exaggerated claims!

Seems the children already have a knack for exaggerating... 😊

### Key Info

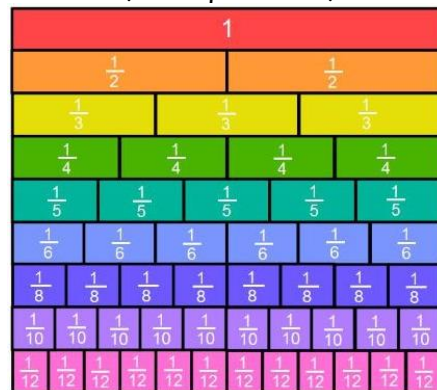
Children who are in Curie and Einstein class need to have their swimming kit every Thursday.

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

**Thank you to parents who have come or who will be coming to parents evening. It is a really great time for your child to show off their work and for the teachers to discuss the progress the children have been making. Even if you cannot make a scheduled parents evening, we are happy to make appointments at other times, so just let us know.**

### Maths

We have been studying fractions for the past two weeks and have been really pleased with how the children's understanding of this concept has been coming along. Most children have enjoyed using fraction walls to find equivalent fractions!



### Reading

This term, in order to improve the children's reading, we have created a competition between all the classes on who can 'grow' the best flower. Each week, we will take the % of children who are reading 3 times a week in each class and use this to build their class flower. Week 1 was about roots. As Einstein came first with 69% of their children reading at least 3 times per week, their flower grew 4 roots. Second were Curie on 59% and 3 roots, third were Keller on 58% and 2 roots with finally Owens on 33% and 1 root. We are really encouraging the children to keep up with their reading so their plant will be the strongest!

