# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

## Key Info

Next half term, Children who are in Keller and Owen's class need to have their P.E. kit every Thursday.

Curie and Einstein classes will be having their swimming lessons and so will need their swimming kit.

## RE Week

Children have been learning about humanism and Christianity this week. And with this focus, they have been grappling with our big Philosophical question 'How do people make moral decisions?' Firstly, the children discussed how we can be more philosophical. The children decided that to be philosophical they needed to be able to communicate effectively including actively listening. To demonstrate this, children tried to do a 'blind drawing' where they were given instructions by a partner (see below). After this the children looked at how people come to make moral decisions. Discussion then turned to how Christians make moral decisions and how they can use the teachings of Jesus and the bible to help them. Children looked at the parable of the Good Samaritan and what that could tell us about how people make decisions. Discussions then turned to why Jesus uses parables instead of just telling people what to do. This work on Christianity was then compared with humanism. We discovered that there are some key similarities between humanism and Christianity notably that they both say that you should treat others as you would like to be treated.

The end of the week finished with a diary entry where children looked back on decisions they have made and how what they have learnt this week





## Reading

The results for this half terms reading challenge are below. Congratulations to all children and parents who read three times a week. There is a huge difference between starting the challenge and the end! Special mention to Einstein class who managed an amazing 100% in week 5. Next half term we will be continuing the reading challenge around a zoo theme.

| Class | Week1 | Week2 | Week3 | Week4 | Week 5 | Week 6 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Curie | 59% | 82% | 82% | 91% | 91% | 100% |
| Einstein | 73% | 92% | 96% | 92% | 100% | 96% |
| Keller | 58% | 71% | 50% | 75% | 75% | 75% |
| Owens | 33% | 71% | 42% | 82% | 65% | 86% |