

Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter

Reading

The amount of reading at home has doubled since the first few weeks of the term so thank you to all of you who are finding the time to read with your children. Currently, Curie have taken first place in both weeks of our reading challenge this term so well done to them. The most improved class is Owens class who had 52% in the first week and 70% in the second.

English

In English we have been learning how to write newspaper reports. Our focus has been on the dastardly deeds of the mischievous Magpie who we captured this week (see topic section). We are using our knowledge of who, what, when and where to create great introductions and using speech punctuation accurately to write quotes.

Topic

We have been incredibly busy in science preparing experiments that will help us find out who the mystery Magpie really is. The first clue we had was that he dropped a staff lanyard at the crime scene. Then, we found where he had hidden his burglar clothes. From that, we looked at and categorised materials based on whether they were transparent, translucent or opaque. We had to find a material we could put in the Magpie's bag so that if he tried to cover our light sensors they would still work. Then, we looked at which materials reflected light the best so that we could sew some of the material onto his dark clothes meaning that he could be seen. The net finally closed in on the Magpie this week and it was revealed that the culprit was none other than the Deputy Head Mr Dack (shame on him).

NEW DATE

Later in the term, the children will be creating a shadow puppet nativity which we will then film. We invite you to come and watch their film as well as hear them sing a few Christmas hymns at the end of December. We will send (free) tickets home nearer the time. The performances will be:

**Einstein and Owens Friday 13th
December at 10:15**

**Curie and Keller Wednesday 18th
December at 9:10 (performances will
take no longer than 30 mins)**

These are different dates to the ones sent out on our diary dates at the start of the year as the original dates clashed with numerous things including the upper school Christingle. When updating these, we have been mindful of other events within the junior school such as the Year 4 production of Treasure Island and events at our feeder schools for example the book look celebration at Kings Park and Grove House Infant School and the coffee and carols events at Church Infant School. We hope that by setting these times and dates parents will be able to attend our film premiers as well as events both within Dereham Junior and from our main feeder schools.