

Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter

Reading

The ability to read has a massive impact on future academic success and we have noticed a drop off in reading at home in all the classes. Please read with your child at least 3 times per week for 10-15 minutes and note it down in their diaries. Reading with your child is the best way that you can help their education. Please, if there is a barrier to you being able to read at home with your child, let us know.

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 the who, what, when and where to create great introductions and using our speech punctuation 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 security cameras the image would still get through. 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 on the Magpie this week and it was revealed that the culprit was none other than the Deputy Head Mr Dack (shame on him).

Key Info

The children finish next week on Friday 17th December.

The children return on Thursday 6th January 2022!

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

RE WEEK

Next week is RE week. We are going to look at the Christmas story and how others celebrate Christmas in other countries. We will also finish our shadow puppet nativities.

