

# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Finally getting out

Last week we managed to get out of the school and although it wasn't a 'big trip' we all really enjoyed it. The children learnt a lot about the geography of Dereham and a little of the history too. Then, as part of their English, the children will be writing a non-chronological report telling visitors to Dereham all about the things they can find and do. The children's behaviour was excellent and they were a real credit to the school.



### Geography

Our topic at the moment is mainly focussed on Geography. Children have enjoyed identifying the different settlement types (hamlet, village, town, and city) as well as revising their knowledge on counties. We have also made replica maps of Dereham town centre outside with chalk and discussed vital infrastructure like benches, bins, lamp posts and traffic lights.



### Key Info

Please continue to help your children with their reading, their Timestable Rockstars and their Spellings Shed games. This really will make a difference to their academic performance.

### Maths

The children have finished their work on fractions for the time being. This week they learnt all about how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominators. They also revisited their work on placing fractions on a number line and we even looked at how some fractions are equivalent E.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{4}$ . Next week we move back to looking at place value and the four operations which are so key to maths.

### Homework expectations

Children in Year 3 and 4 are expected to read 3 times per week for 15 minutes. At this age around half the time the children should be reading to an adult to check understanding and fluency.

Currently we have around 40% of children doing this. Children who do not do at least 3 reads per week, will now be invited to reading club during their break times to make up the time.