

Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter

Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome all the children back after a longer than usual break. We have some great things planned for them in this term. They will be using magnets, writing songs and creating a skeleton hand. We sent out a knowledge organiser recently and that shows you what we are doing and when. It would be great if you could talk to your children about these to see how much they know.

English

The children are writing a sequel to the film UP. This time around Russel is in charge and the children have to design and describe a new flying vehicle which will take them onto an adventure. We are looking at speech punctuation as well as conjunctions

Topic

Our topic is centred on 5 creative individuals across a wide variety of subjects. We will be looking at:

- Leonardo Da Vinci and friction
- William Gilbert and magnets
- Nina Simone and protest music
- Marie Curie and X rays
- William Morris and printing.

Here is a picture of Curie Class using different surfaces to create more/less friction.



Key Info

If you would like your child to be able to go onto the playground and use the trim trail, please give them a spare pair of trainers or welly boots. Many thanks

Maths

This half term we will be looking at ways to multiply and divide. The children will be using arrays as well as part-whole models to answer some quite tricky questions. Our maths monkeys are still continuing their journey around Dereham. It has been so lovely to see all the pictures of their adventures.

4 Times Table

The children are moving on to their 4 times table during this term. Please encourage them to count in fours, spend some time on TT rockstars or sing cheesy YouTube songs about the four times table. They should also know their 2,5 and 10s. The government want all children to know up to their 12 times table by the time they leave Year 4 and have put in tests to make sure that happens. Any help you can give your child would be great.