



Dear Parents,

This half term our class will be thinking about the key question 'What makes Derbyshire unique?' and sharing our core text 'Grandad's Island'. We are really looking forward to reading this together over the half term.

During the term, in writing we will be learning to write our own setting descriptions and diary entries. In Geography we will be finding out about the history of Derbyshire and what makes our county unique. Our Science topic is about growing plants and their life cycles. In Art we will be developing our drawing skills and using these to create botanical drawings.

To extend the children's learning further, we would like to continue with our home learning projects. This style of home learning aims to:

- provide opportunities for children to work independently on self-study
- enable children to research an area of knowledge linked to the topic which interested them.
- provide opportunities for children to be creative and choose how they record.

To extend the children's learning further they could:

- Create a poster of a well-known, beautiful or historic location within Derbyshire
- Make a model of a local landmark.
- Grow a plant from a bulb or seed and explore what conditions it grows best.
- Draw a picture based on a botanical theme.

But overall, enjoy independent learning in any way they choose and be creative!

Children can present the information they research in any way they wish but there should just be one outcome each which shows what they have learnt about from their research.

The aim of the home learning project is to spend a little time each week over the next four weeks working on the project and bring the result into school on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Projects will be shared on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** straight after school, parents are invited into the school hall, where projects from all classes will be displayed for you to see in a 'Homework Showcase'.

We are asking parents to spend time with your child sharing in the preparation and planning, talking together about what they are doing and providing encouragement and support.

We really hope you will enjoy working together and extending your child's learning at school further.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Channing