



Dear Parents,

This half term, our class will be learning 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 are asking children to produce a homework project based the following ideas.

They could perhaps:

- 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.

These are a few ideas but above all, we want the children to 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 working on the project and bring the result into school on **Monday 2nd November 2026. On Tuesday 3rd November** 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,

Miss Jerram