



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Ladybower Pentecost 2 Newsletter

Welcome back! Here's an overview of what we will be learning about in Ladybower this half term.

English

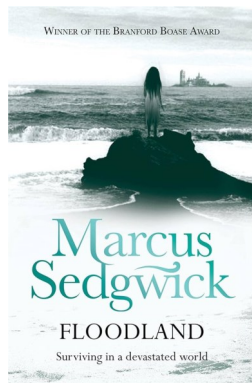
The Raven—Edgar Allan Poe

We will begin the half term focusing on The Raven poem by Edgar Allan Poe. We will discuss what a narrative poem is, analyse the poem looking at the effectiveness of the vocabulary used and the rhyming structure. We will then go on to write our own narrative poem.



Floodland—Marcus Sedgwick

Imagine that a few years from now England is covered by water, and Norwich is an island. Zoe, left behind in the confusion when her parents escaped, survives there as best she can. Alone and desperate among marauding gangs, she manages to dig a derelict boat out of the mud and gets away to Eels Island. But Eels Island, whose raggle-taggle inhabitants are dominated by the strange boy Dooby, is full of danger too. The belief that she will one day find her parents spurs Zoe on to a dramatic escape in a story of courage and determination that is handled with warmth and humanity.



Maths

This last half term in Maths will be focussed on Maths you will come across in every day life—holidays, jobs, ingredients, shopping.

We will also be focussing on ensuring they are equipped with everything they need to know before they move onto Secondary School.

White Rose Tours

- Climate
- Conversion
- Airport
- Accommodation
- Budget

White Rose Futures

- Annual salary
- Hourly rates
- Bills
- Mortgage
- House

White Rose Bakery

- Best value
- Profit & loss
- Packaging
- Cooking problems

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Healing

'Who needs healing?'

The Church believes that the anointing of the sick is one of the seven sacraments. It is intended to strengthen those who are ill.

We will be exploring that when people become sick they need care—we will be looking at how people might receive this care and looking at a range of pieces of scripture that demonstrate care and healing.

Common good

'How can we work together to build a just and fair world?'

In this topic we will be exploring our world and how our faith and action can help to make a just and better world to live in.

We will be looking at how we can tackle injustice, ensure resources are distributed fairly to those less-fortunate than ourselves, and the impact we can have by working together as a community.

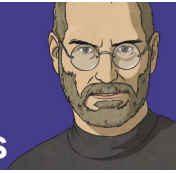


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Science

Scientists and Inventors



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During this topic, the children will:

- Understand Stephen Hawking's theories about black holes and report my findings.
- Understand Libbie Hyman's work about classification
- Explain how diet affects the way the body functions.
- Record and interpret data on the effects of penicillin using a scatter graph.
- Understand the life of Mary Leakey and her work about fossils.
- Label the parts and functions of the heart and explain Dr Daniel Hale Williams' accomplishments.
- Understand how Steve Jobs used electronics to design computers.

Geography

Mapping

*I'm a Year 6 pupil,
how can I get out of
here?*

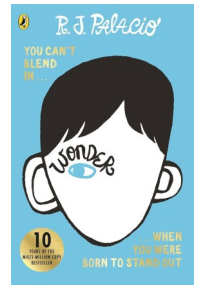


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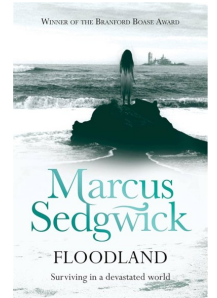
- find countries in Europe and North and South America on a map.
- find cities in the UK on a map and identify some of their features.
- find information in an atlas using the index and simple co-ordinates.
- use a key to describe features on an Ordnance Survey map
- use the eight compass points to describe routes on a map
- plan a journey using the eight compass points and four or six-figure grid references.
- describe how land use has changed over time.

Guided Reading

In our Guided Reading sessions we will carry on reading the book, **Wonder**.



There will also be a focus on our main text, **Floodland**, as we explore the book in detail during our English and Guided Reading sessions.



We will be using the Reading Vipers techniques of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise to engage and understand the text in depth.

How can you help?

This half term, the children in Ladybower will have **PE** on a Thursday and **Tameside Active Dance** on a **Friday**. Your child should be reading every night, please ensure that they are doing this and to write in their reading diary when they have done so.

Homework for this half term is for your child to learn their lines and songs for our end of year production of **Bugsy Malone**.

Spelling Shed/Maths Shed - please ensure your child is accessing these regularly at home. It will help to embed their spellings and improve fluency particularly with times tables.

There isn't long left of this school year and your child's time at primary school. We are all so incredibly proud of each and every child in this class so we will ensure they have the most incredible last half term with us at Saint Mary's.