



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Derwent Advent 2 Newsletter

Welcome back Derwent, I hope you have enjoyed your week off and are raring to go!

English

This term in Derwent class, we are studying "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers," the thrilling story of Philippe Petit, who tightrope walked between the Twin Towers in 1974.



As we explore the themes of courage and determination, your child will participate in activities that enhance their comprehension and critical thinking. To wrap up the term, we will be writing a biography about Philippe Petit. It would be great if you could discuss his life and achievements at home to inspire your child's writing.

RE

Catholic Social Teaching:

This half term we will be exploring the theme of Family and Community and how we recognise that as people we are social beings, communicating and relating to one another. We are made for community and communion with one another, living and sharing our daily lives, hopes and dreams.



Prophecy and Promise

In Derwent, we are looking at bible stories such as The prophet Elijah, John the Baptist, and Jesus' teachings in the Gospels. These stories teach us of the promises that people have made with God and we will be using these to understand how God wanted us to live our lives. Derwent will continue to take part and lead class 'Celebrations of the Word'.



Maths

Using White Rose Maths, we will be covering the following areas of learning;

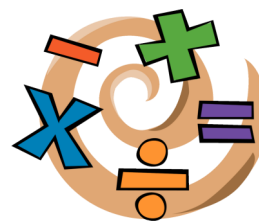
Multiplication and division

Year Four

- Multiply by 10
- Multiply by 100
- Divide by 10
- Divide by 100
- Multiply by 1 and 0
- Divide by 1 and itself
- Multiply and divide by 3
- The 3 times-table
- Multiply and divide by 6
- 6 times table and division facts
- Multiply and divide by 9
- 9 times table and division facts
- Multiply and divide by 7
- 7 times table and division facts

Year Five

- Multiples
- Factors
- Common factors
- Prime numbers
- Square numbers
- Cube numbers
- Multiply by 10
- Multiply by 100
- Multiply by 10, 100 and 1,000
- Divide by 10
- Divide by 100
- Divide by 10, 100 and 1,000
- Multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000



Computing

In computing, we're diving into the exciting world of video creation!

We will be working in pairs or small groups to put together short videos. This hands-on project is a great way to learn new skills in capturing, editing, and manipulating video content, all with plenty of support along the way. They'll be guided through the process, taking their ideas from just a thought to a finished product.

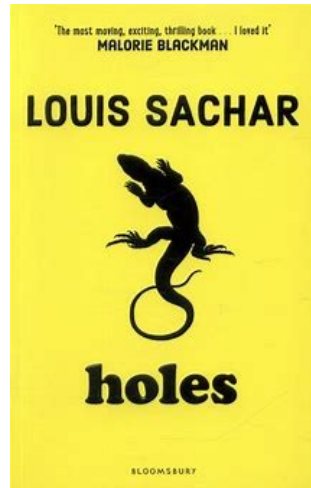


Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Derwent Advent 2 Newsletter

Guided Reading

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes.



It doesn't take long for Stanley to realise the boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake?

Science

Forces - This half term, Derwent class will be diving into the fascinating world of forces. We'll explore various concepts such as gravity, friction, and magnetism, as well as how these forces affect our everyday lives. Our aim is to help the children understand not only the theoretical aspects of forces but also their practical applications through hands-on experiments and engaging activities.

By the end of this unit children will be able to:

- Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object;
- Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction.
- Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.



Music



As part of Wider Music Opportunities, Derwent class will be having samba drumming lessons on Wednesdays each week. Don't worry we won't be sending drums home to practise!

Art / DT

Using their other topics as inspiration, Derwent will be developing their art and DT skills to create art around Holes, Forces, and New York City.

How can you help?

This half term, the children in Derwent will continue to have their PE sessions on **Mondays**, so will need to be wearing their full PE kit.

Derwent are taking part in Forest School this term, which allows them the opportunity to venture out of the classroom to learn lessons using nature. This will take place on **Thursdays**, so they will need to wear appropriate clothing for getting out in nature.

Homework is set on a Monday and is due the following Monday. Please ensure work is completed neatly and stuck in.

Spellings are tested on a Friday, and a new list is given out on Fridays. Spellings can be practised on Spelling Shed and logins can be found in Home/school diaries. Please ensure your child is accessing these regularly at home. It will help to embed their spellings in a fun interactive way. Maths Shed games will help improve fluency particularly with times tables.