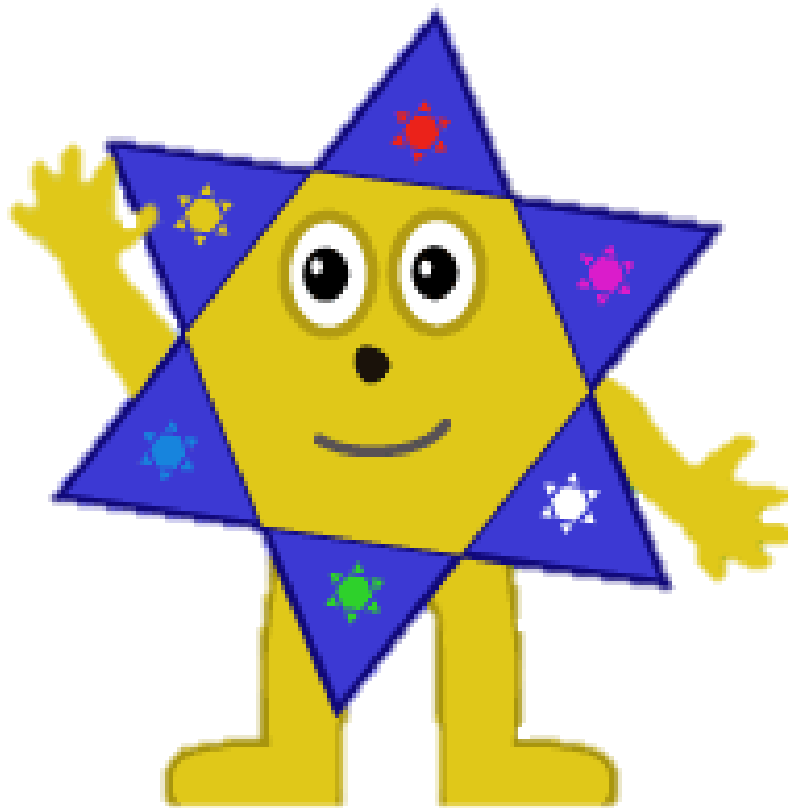


Welcome to...



Derwent Class

2025-2026

Welcome to our class!



Mrs Peach is our class teacher she teaches us Monday to Thursday.



Mrs Phillips is a HLTA and she teaches us on a Friday when Mrs Peach isn't in school. We are also lucky enough to have Mrs Phillips teach us on a Thursday afternoon whilst Mrs Peach plans and prepares the lessons for the following week.

Mr Waith is our teaching assistant who works with us every day.

Our aim in Derwent Class is to provide your child with a happy, fulfilling and exciting time. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to come and help in class e.g. listening to readers, helping us during target time, school trips. Please encourage your child to feel confident about school and ask questions if they are ever unsure. We value home school communication. You know your children best and working together for your children has the greatest impact on their education and happiness. You are encouraged to talk to staff at the school gate in the mornings or after school, you can make appointments to see Mrs Peach via the school office or you can also use their school organiser. We hope you will find this booklet useful and informative. If you would like any further information about school, or education in general, please ask.

Topics Please see the curriculum map on our website to see how the subjects link in with our topics. <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/shardlow-primary-school/UploadedDocument/fae8e4c3a3de4937ae8932e99eb11f05/derwent-curriculum-map-year-b.pdf>

Autumn 1	Nurturing Nurses
Autumn 2	Toys From the Past
Spring 1	At The Farm
Spring 2	Local Study – Shardlow
Summer 1	Britain is Great
Summer 2	An African Adventure

Derwent Timetable (subject to change)

	8.40-9.00	9.00-10	10-10.15	10.15-11.15	11.15-11.45	11.45-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-1.20	1.20-2.10	2.10-3.00	3.00-3.20
Monday	Register and morning jobs.	RWI	Break	Maths	TTS/HW	Assembly	Lunch	HW/Y2 Sp	PE	Science	Story book and home time.
Tuesday		RWI		Maths	TTS/HW			HW/Y2 Sp	History	PSHE	
Wednesday		RWI		Maths	TTS/HW			HW/Y2 Sp	Forest School	Computing	
Thursday		RWI		Maths	Target Time			RE		Music	
Friday		RWI		Spelling/ Mental Maths Test	Continuous Provision			Target Time	PE		

RWI = Read Write Inc Phonics

Year 1

TTS = Talk Through Stories (year 1)

Year 2

HW = Handwriting

Y2 Sp = Year 2 spelling lesson

Please note we have PE on Mondays and Fridays so children need to make sure they have their PE kits in school. We will send their kits home at the end of each half term to be washed. Please make sure their PE kit is labelled and in a named bag.

Please send in named wellies in a strong plastic bag which can be left on their peg. We have Forest Thursdays each week which is mostly outside in our forest school.

The school day!

The gate opens at 8.40am and will close at 8.50am.

Home time!

The end of the school day is 3:20pm.

If anyone other than you will be collecting your child you need to let the school office via phone or Class Dojo. If this will be a regular arrangement please let the school office know and we can save you the time of having to let us know each week.



Homework



Reading The role that home plays in reading success is absolutely critical! Our aim is to foster a love of reading and make reading a regular activity that becomes part of each child's lifestyle not just their homework. We have a range of systems in school to support both reading development and reading for pleasure.

Year 1

Year 1 Sight Words.	Please practise the sight words that come home, when they are ready to be tested we can then check this in school. These can also be found in the organisers should you wish to practise these further.
Reading schemes	Most of our Year 1 pupils will access reading books within their phonic ability. They will have this book all week and we expect all children to read the same book to improve fluency. We expect you to listen to your child read their reading book each day. You should record this in your child's organiser. In addition one of the Derwent Team will listen to and review your child's reading once a week. Mrs Peach will decide when your child is ready to move up.
Share a story	To help promote a love of reading; our 'Share a Story' Bags are sent home each week. The bag will contain a story for you to share with your child, meaning you can read this to your child and talk about the book with them; discussing what they find curious about the book, what they liked or disliked about the book and making links to their own experiences. Keep an eye out for when this will start.

Year 2

Phonics	Pupils in Year 2 will continue to learn phonics until they have mastered it.
Reading Schemes	Pupils in Year 2 will either read books that are in line with their phonetic ability or they may become a free reader using Accelerated Reader This is dependent on regular assessment by the class teacher. You should hear your child read their reading book each day and log this in their organiser.
Accelerated Reader	When pupils have been assessed by the teacher to be reading fluently at age related expectation they will move on to Accelerated Reader. This system allows pupils to choose from a wider range of books, carefully matched to their reading ability. Pupils will read the book and then complete a quiz online to check their comprehension of the book. Parents are still expected to hear their child read aloud at least three times a week and parents or pupils should record this in the organiser. Pupils should aim to complete a quiz each week and should achieve more than 80% accuracy in their quiz. You can monitor your child's progress in Accelerated Reader using the online portal through our school website. Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

Maths Derwent Class also have maths homework each week which will come home in their homework books. Mrs Peach and Mrs Berry will send this home in the homework book in the next few weeks.

Children are invited to use **Numbots** as much as they can. Who can get on the leader board? You might even get the chance to take our Numbot soft toy home if you make great improvements during the week.

Spellings Each Friday your child will come home with a Look Cover Write Check sheet to help support learning. Please hand these in each Friday.

Lunchtime Lunchtime starts at 12pm and finishes at 1pm. Children can have either a cooked meal, or bring sandwiches. All pupils in reception to Year 2 are entitled to the free school dinner, as part of the government's universal free school meals scheme.

We have a healthy menu and the menu is shared with parents each term. If your child brings sandwiches they also need to bring their own cutlery (i.e. a spoon for their yoghurt). Could we ask that you encourage a healthy packed lunch. Sweets, chocolate bars and or fizzy drinks must not be included in lunch boxes. We also ask that you do not bring in any nuts or nut based products (i.e. spreads).

During the break the children are well cared for by a team of Midday Supervisors who quickly get to know the children. They encourage children to finish their meals and provide stickers and lunchtime awards for good manners and behaviour.

Fruit Pupils in KS1 are provided with free fruit each morning.

Water We call water our brain food! Drink to think! Please ensure your child comes into school with a named water bottle each day.

Before, during and After School Clubs (term-time only)

We have a range of different activities available after school, some teacher-led and some paid for activities run by external providers and we do our best to cater for the whole age range and different interests. Details about our after school clubs are circulated in our newsletter the term before they are due to run.



In a school setting it is inevitable that concerns appear from time to time, but we much prefer to hear from you at an early stage in order that we can work together to stop a worry growing and to speedily find a harmonious resolution

Class Dojo

Please sign up to class dojo as this is an up to date way to find out what is happening in your child's learning. We also update this regularly with key information regularly.



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If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to speak to myself at the end of the school day or make an appointment with the school office.