

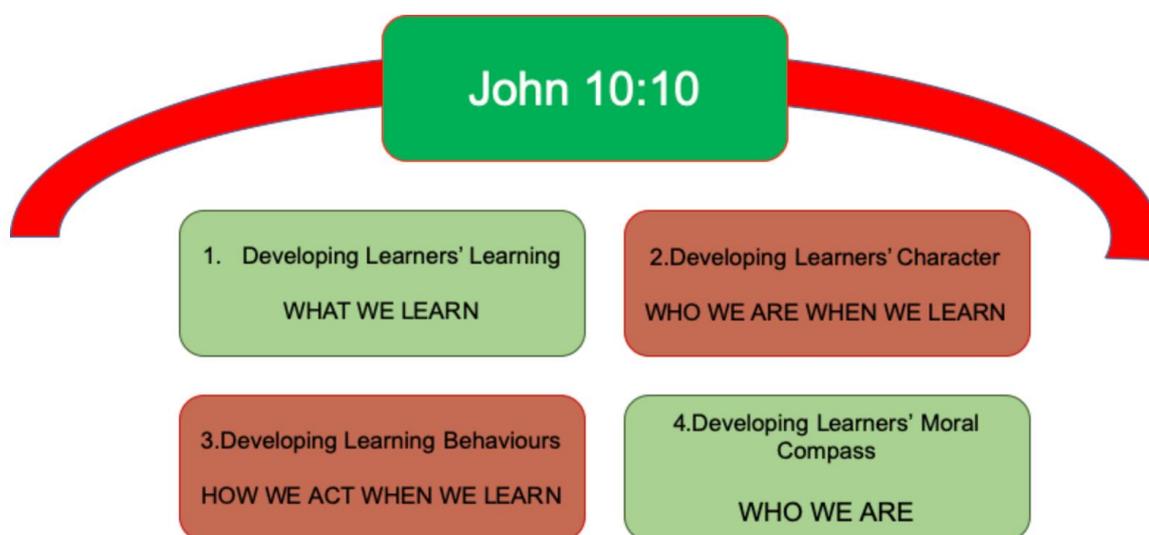


What is my child learning this half term?

Our curriculum is the beating heart of our school and is
rooted in John 10:10

“I came that they might have life and live it to the full”

Within our vision *‘together we grow, together we flourish’*
our children will develop a love of learning and be totally
immersed in different worlds, cultures and times preparing
them for the next stage of their lives.





Autumn 2	Year 3/4
Class Novel	This half term we are starting with <i>Knighthood for Beginners</i> , written by Elys Dolan. This is a light-hearted story about a dragon who dreams of becoming a knight and links perfectly with this half term's writing sequence. Following this, the children will be given an opportunity to choose their own class novel on a Christmas theme.
Writing	Over the next six weeks, we will be writing "to entertain". We are working towards writing our own stories with a castle setting, to fit with our history topic of Medieval Totnes. The skills we will be working on will be: sentence structure, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.
Maths	In maths this half term we will be working on addition and subtraction, using our place value skills from before half term. We will continue to practise our number facts and to learn the times tables using our "one fact per day" routines.
Science	Our science topic is all about light. We will be learning about all aspects of light including, dark, shade, reflection and how our eyes process light energy, through investigations and exploration.
RE	This term, we will be continuing our learning about Christianity and exploring our key question- What is it like for someone to follow God? We will be learning about some key followers of God from the Old Testament and exploring the concept of covenants and promises, in particular those that Noah and Abraham made with God.
History	We will be focusing on developing our historical enquiry skills this term by exploring our local history with a focus on Medieval Totnes. We will be using a variety of sources to help us gain an understanding of how people lived in Totnes during the Medieval period and also how Totnes changed during this time.
PE	The outdoor PE focus this half-term will be on football, while our indoor focus is dance. Please see class newsletters for your child's PE days and ensure that they always have appropriate PE kit in school.
RHE	We will be using our 'Celebrating Difference' puzzle piece this half-term to explore diversity and build empathy and understanding for others.
Forest School	In Forest School this half-term we will be undertaking a range of seasonal activities such as: leaf threading, creating leaf wreaths and other Christmas activities using our natural resources.
Music	Music this half-term will introduce learning about the language of music through playing an instrument. We are also excited to welcome a Devon Music Hub specialist in December who will be working with the Yr.3s - we are aiming to link some of this learning to our Christmas activities.
DT	In DT, we will be exploring different shell structures and developing our design and technology skills to design, make and evaluate a gift box which is able to safely store a Christmas decoration.