



This half term we are also hoping to be able to put together our “Winter Wonderland” concert to perform for you either in person or via video link.

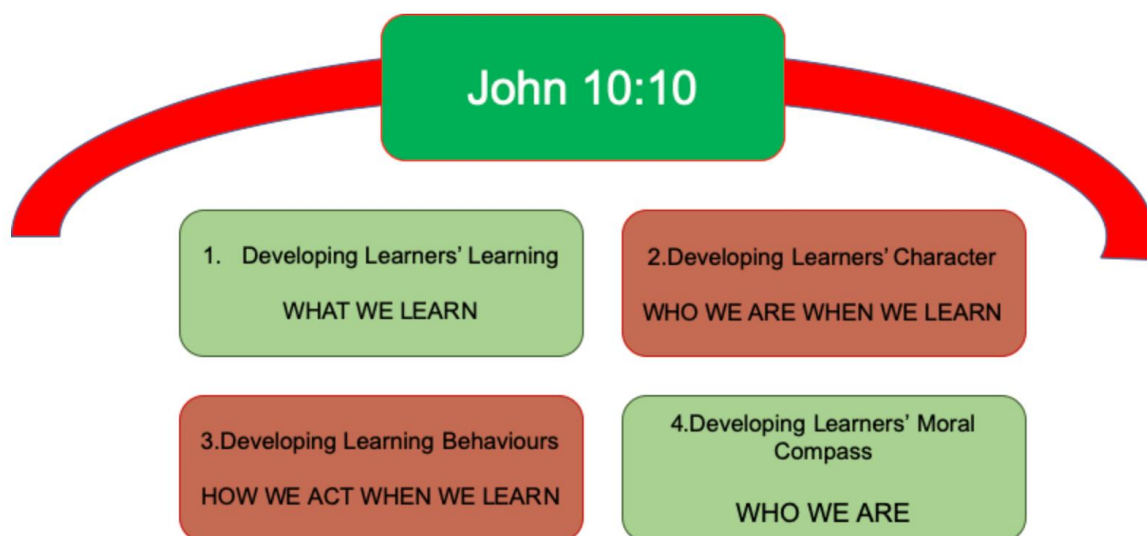
What is my child learning this half term?

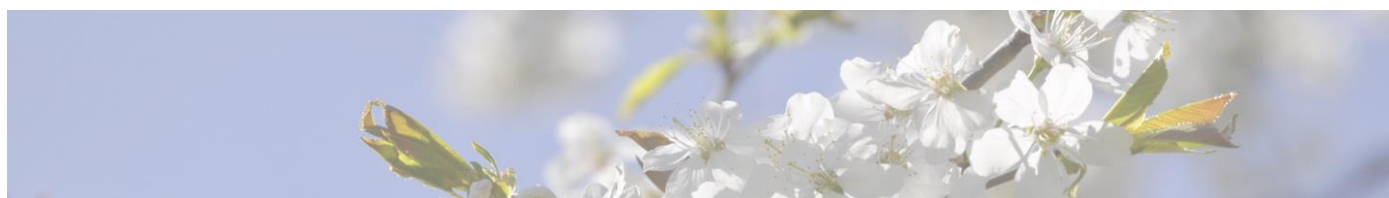
Our curriculum is the beating heart of our school and is rooted in

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.





Spring 1	Year 3/4
Class Novel	This half term we will be using two books to inspire our writing: "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs" by Jon Scieszka and "Escape from Pompeii" by Christina Balit. In addition to these, each class will be voting to decide their own class novel. These will be age appropriate and an opportunity for the children to have more of a choice in the text they listen to at the end of the day, in line with our Reading for Pleasure project.
Writing	Over the next six weeks, we will be using the tactics of the wolf in "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs" to help us to learn to write persuasively. Our grammar focus will be on rhetorical questions and using commas (for fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses). Our final outcome will be based on a book linked to our geography topic. We will be writing persuasive speeches to encourage the characters in "Escape from Pompeii" to leave their homes.
Maths	In maths this half term, we will be consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction from the autumn term then moving on to learning about multiplication and division. We will continue to practise our number facts and to learn the times tables using our "one fact per day" routines.
Science	This term, we are going to be learning all about rocks and soils. We will be using our scientific enquiry skills to investigate the properties of different rock types and soils and learning how fossils are formed.
RE	In RE this half-term, we will be focusing on 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?'. We will be exploring the Muslim religion including their prayer rituals and the festival of Eid-Al-Fitr - we will even be learning a few arabic greetings.
Geography	In geography, we will be exploring the physical geography of volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes. We will be linking all of our thinking over the half-term to aspects of safety around volcanoes and earthquakes and will work towards designing a safety building.
PE	This half term, our indoor PE sessions will focus on gymnastics, continuing with the skills the children learnt in their autumn term sessions. Our outdoor PE sessions will be looking at the fast-paced team sport of handball. Tawny Owls and Nightingales will continue to work with Mrs Mitchell from the Spires Academy Sports Partnership.
RHE	In our RHE sessions this half term, we will be continuing with our "celebrating differences" work from last half term to reestablish our class environment after the Christmas break. We will then be moving onto looking at "dreams and goals" and how we can be the best we can be.
Forest School	In forest school, we will be practising our den building techniques, as well as looking at the environment art of Andy Goldsworthy and creating ice mobiles.
Music	This term, our Charanga unit is called 'Stop!' We will be developing our understanding of pulse and rhythm and then working towards creating our own anti-bullying raps.
Art	In art, our focus artist will be William Morris and we will use his work as our inspiration to create repeat patterns inspired by different geographical regions in Britain. We will continue to build on our artistic skills and will aim to use a range of materials to create our repeat patterns.