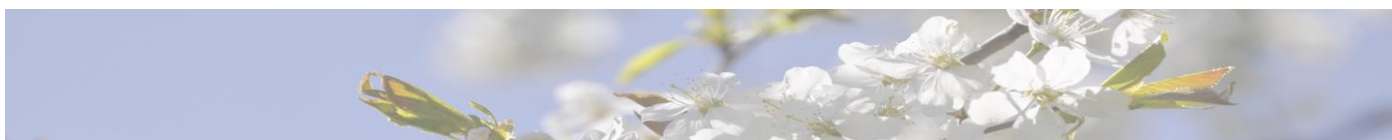
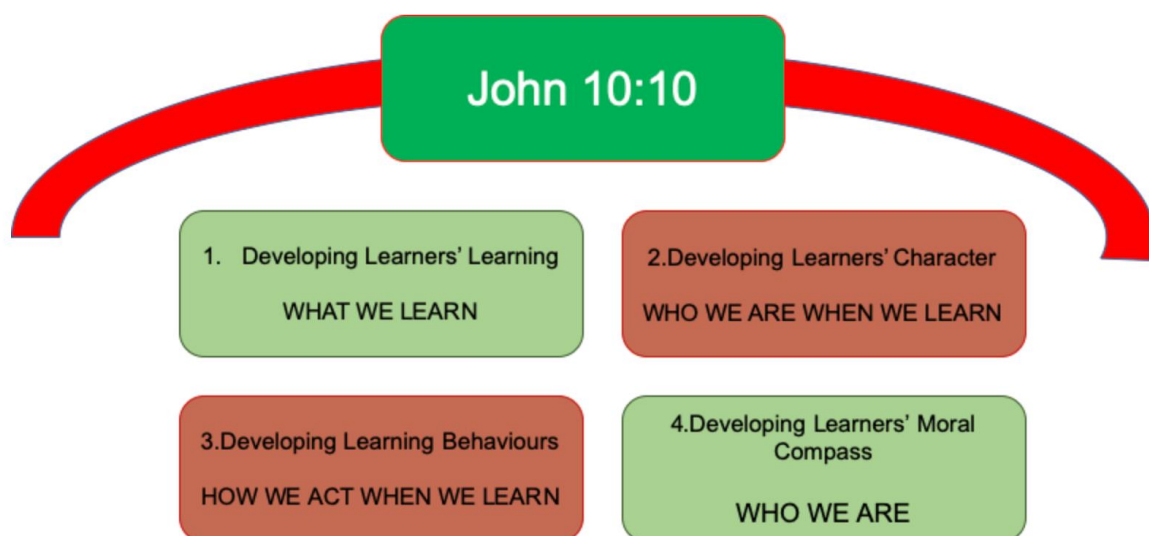


## What is my child learning this half term?

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.



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<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Swifts and Red Kites</b>
<b>Class Novel</b>	This half term, both classes will be focusing on writing to entertain, using narrative poetry. This will be used within our DERIC reading lessons as we focus on <i>The Highwayman</i> by Alfred Noyes. Then, as part of our reading for pleasure sessions, Red Kites will be finishing "Amari and the night brothers" by B.B Alston. Swifts will be reading "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" by J.K. Rowling.
<b>Writing</b>	Within our English this half term, we will be focusing on writing to entertain. As mentioned above, we will be creating our own narrative poetry, inspired by the <i>Highwayman</i> . We will look at skills such as repetition for effect, alliterative actions, onomatopoeia, similes and metaphors. Each of these skills will help us to create a shared write, based on the <i>Highwayman</i> , before the children then have the opportunity to create their own narrative poetry. This might include adaptations of our focus poem e.g. a modern day version or a different character altogether!
<b>Maths</b>	This half term, maths will continue to be different for both classes. In Swifts, we will continue to deepen our understanding of fractions, including how to add and subtract fractions. In Red Kites, we will be finalising some of the smaller sequences such as properties of shape and converting units. We will also be looking at completing some themed projects using all of our mathematical skills to date.
<b>Science</b>	In Science, both classes are learning about animals including humans. In these lessons we will explore how the circulatory system works and the names of the different parts of the circulatory system. We will also explore how water and nutrients are transported through the human body. After this we will explore how to keep healthy and the impact of lifestyle on the way bodies function.
<b>RE</b>	This half term, our focus question is "What matters most to Humanists and Christians?" This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from Christianity and from Humanism, a non-religious way of life. We will be describing core values from both, thinking about our own morals and views upon things such as fairness and honesty. We will end by making comparisons between both Humanism and Christianity.
<b>History</b>	Within our History this half term, we will be focusing on Ancient Greece. We will delve deeper into studying Greek life, and what achievements they had, and how this had an influence on the western world. We will delve deeper into two key states; Athens and Sparta, as well as their beliefs and culture through Greek mythology. We will look at their influences of the political system, and the very first Olympic games!
<b>PE</b>	This half term, our PE sessions have an outdoor focus. We will be having weekly swimming sessions down at Meadowbrook, supported by a swimming instructor, and Mrs Mitchell from Spires. The children will be working on a multitude of skills within this, whilst also developing their confidence and water safety. In our second PE session, we will be learning the skills and rules behind Dartmoor 3 Ball. This does build on some of our previous PE sequences, as we can draw on our knowledge of batting and fielding, alongside teamwork and hand eye coordination.
<b>RHE</b>	In RHE this term, we will be focusing on the theme "Changing me". This includes many different subtopics, such as self/body image, puberty, growing responsibility, coping with change and preparing for transition. More details will be shared separately regarding RSE for year 6 this term.
<b>Forest School</b>	Within Forest school, this half term the children will be finessing their fire lighting skills, alongside having the opportunity to hopefully use the cob oven to make pizzas. I know the children will also be looking forward to developing their den building skills further too.

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<b>Music</b>	Our music focus will “Reflect, Rewind and Replay”. The children will have an opportunity to revisit some of the songs from across the past year or two, alongside reflecting on new songs and their different genres. Red Kites will also be using some of these sessions as an opportunity to learn and rehearse songs for the production.
<b>DT</b>	Through our DT sessions this half term, we will be looking at electrical systems. We will recap the essential characteristics of a series circuit to help us create a battery powered, electrical product.