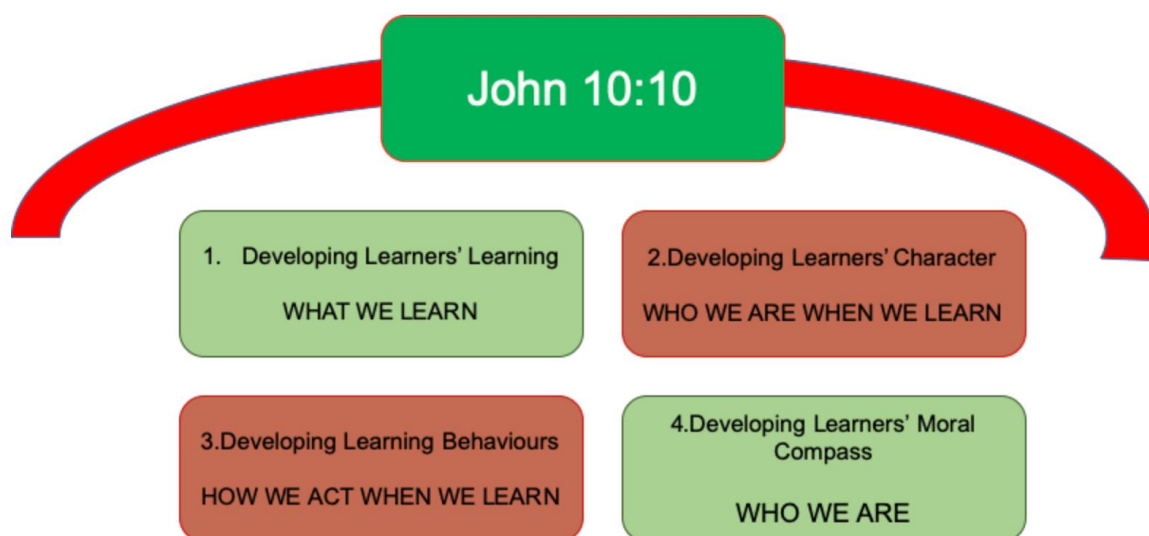


What is my child learning this half term?

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.



Dartington Curriculum Booklet Autumn 1: Year B

Autumn 1	Tawny Owls, Nightingales and Woodpeckers
Class Novel	Each class will be voting to decide on their own class novel for the term. These will be age-appropriate and an opportunity for the children to have more of a choice in the novel they listen to at the end of the day.
Writing	Over the next six weeks, we will be “writing to inform”. We will be immersing ourselves into what an explanation text looks like, and creating a checklist of features after exploring “ <i>How a Robot Dog Works</i> ”. Our classes will be learning how to use descriptive phrases, subordinating and coordinating conjunctions, and sentence functions to create a high quality outcome. This will all support us to write our own explanation texts linked to the creative story.
Maths	This half term, we shall begin with a focus on place value, followed by a longer sequence covering the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also focus on times tables with daily sessions.
Science	Our science topic this term focuses on states of matter. We will be using our scientific enquiry skills to compare and group, observe changes of state and link this towards further understanding the water cycle including evaporation, condensation and precipitation.
RE	Our RE question for this half term is “What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?” We will be looking at defining these terms, as well as identifying how different texts and pieces in the Bible interpret God. The unit will also explore baptism and how the Trinity shapes acts of worship.
Geography	Our geography focus will allow us to investigate the counties and population centres of the UK. within the UK and abroad. We will be using maps and ariel photographs to identify land uses and physical geography. We will be using grid references and symbols to understand, use and construct maps. We will be learning about key physical locations across the UK such as mountains and rivers.
PE	We will begin our PE sessions this term with gymnastics indoors, revisiting safe practice and creating simple routines with partners/small groups. Then in our outdoor sessions we will begin with cricket where our focus will be on batting, throwing and catching skills and hand eye coordination.
RHE	We will begin our RHE sessions with a focus on “Respecting myself and others.” The children will look at what it is to be a respectful citizen. We will then focus on “Safe relationships” which will establish how we should treat others and expect to be treated.
Forest School	Our forest school learning this half term will allow us to harvest pumpkins, create toffee apples and create plaster of paris tracks.
Music	Our music focus for this half term is “Let your spirit fly” where children will learn to sing and compose music using beats, pulse and tempo.
Art	This term our art focus is “Devonshire Landscapes” based on the works of Stephen Thomas. Exploring British landscapes will link to our geography unit. The children will develop their observational skills before drawing, painting with a range of materials and using oil pastels to blend and apply colour.