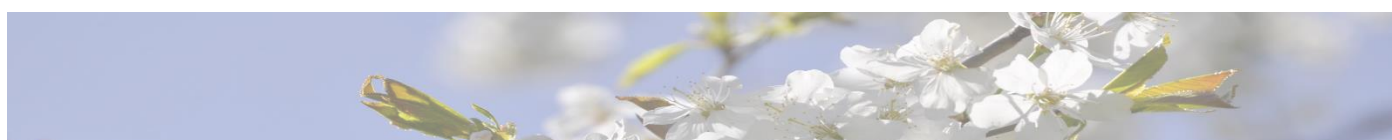
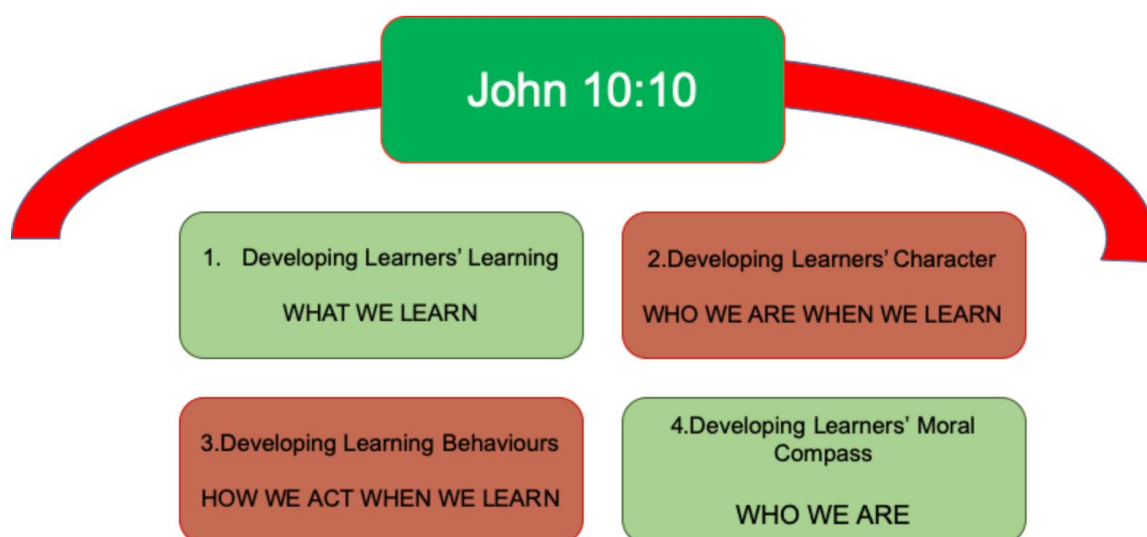


What is my child learning this half term?

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 Year 5/6 Curriculum Booklet Autumn 2: Year B

Autumn 1	Swifts and Red Kites
Class Novel	This term, we will be finishing off our novel from before half term, "Letters from the Lighthouse" by Emma Carroll, and once complete, we will be exploring "The Firework-Maker's Daughter" by Philip Pullman. This ties in with our writing to entertain sequence.
Writing	Over the next few weeks, we will be creating an adventure story, using the Firework Maker's daughter as our inspiration. We will work closely together on the first few plot points of this story, and then it will be up to the children to determine how the story will close, following on from our shared examples. After this, we will be exploring a short film, "The fantastic flying books of Mr. Morris Lessmore" and creating a narrative linked closely to this.
Maths	This half term, we are going to be continuing with the longer sequence of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division across both classes. We will also continue our one fact per day, practicing the key times tables we need in order to support the above. Red Kites will also partake in another round of practice SATs papers to highlight next steps for the new year.
Science	In our science learning, we are exploring evolution and inheritance. We will explore who created the theory of evolution and how finches have evolved on the Galapagos islands. We will also explore how features are inherited in people, animals and plants and we will examine evidence which shows how some species are considered 'living fossils'.
RE	Our RE this half term will be linked to the question, "Why do some people believe in God and some people not?" We will explore terms such as theist, atheist and agnostic, thinking about their views and how this reflects within our own opinions, which will tie into a deep thinking question, "Is God real?"
History	Within our history this half term, our focus is on the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England at the time of Edward the Confessor. The children will begin by briefly exploring the Anglo-Saxon period, and how it led to the Viking era. We will then discover how the Vikings came to settle in Britain, what life was like for them whilst inferring what King Alfred was like as a ruler. We will then draw all of this information together to create a response in relation to the impact Vikings had on British life.
PE	Our PE sessions this half term will include Dance as our Indoor PE sessions, whereby children will be applying their sequencing skills from gymnastics to partner, group and whole class segments within a dance piece. Then in our outdoor sessions, both classes will be partaking in football sessions. Red Kites will have this delivered by Kinetic Sports.
RHE	Within our RHE sessions this half term, we will be focusing on "safe relationships", thinking about what constitutes this, who might we have safe relationships with, and how to recognise when things might feel unsafe.
Forest School	Our forest school learning this half term will give us the opportunity to create some delicious pumpkin soup. The children will also get the opportunity to start crafting their Christmas enterprise creations, using their forest school skills and tools to support them.
Music	Our music focus for this half term is "You got a friend in me", by Randy Newman, a well-known song from the film Toy Story. Red Kites will have the opportunity to continue working with Mrs Matthews, our music lead, for this. Swifts will have the opportunity to take part in Violin sessions with our local music teacher, Kip Pratt, this half term. Both classes will also be practising their chosen carols for this year's service.
DT	In our DT lessons, we will be creating handmade Christmas decorations to decorate our homes over the holidays. These lessons will give our children the opportunity to sew different types of stitch (running stitch, backstitch, blanket stitch and cross stitch) and to create their decorations in time for Christmas.