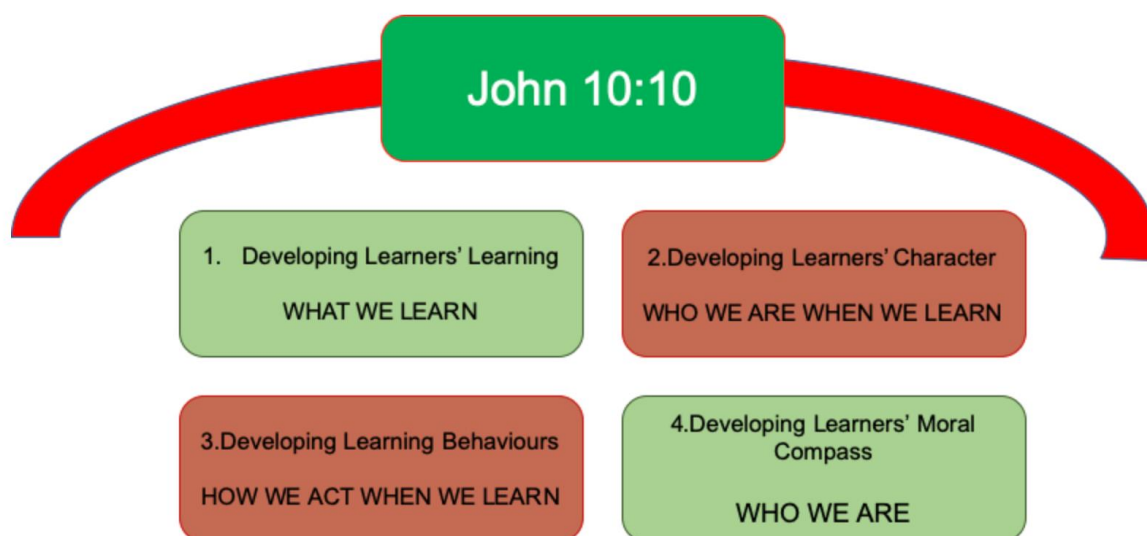


What is my child learning this half term?

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	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 weeks, we will be “writing to entertain”. We will be immersing ourselves into <i>the Iron Man</i> by Ted Hughes, reading the start of the story before finishing it in our own ways. We will then be exploring <i>The Black Rock</i> , writing descriptive paragraphs.
Maths	This half term, we shall be delving into fractions and area. Both of these will need times tables facts, so we shall be continuing a big focus on times tables through daily sessions so be sure to practise these.
Science	Our science topic this term will focus on animals, including animals. We shall be investigating the different systems of animals from the digestive system to the circulatory system.
RE	Our RE question for this half term is “Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?” We will be looking at the Easter story and its implications on the lives of Christians, asking ourselves what we can learn.
History	In History, we will be looking at WWII and the impact of the D-Day preparations on Devon. We shall be learning about how and why the second world war began, as well as recognising the contributions of nations around the world to the Allied effort.
PE	In PE, the children will be exploring cricket skills alongside Dartington Dashers, a daily mile running scheme designed especially for Dartington Academy.
RHE	In RHE this half-term our children will be discussing money and work before moving onto how a sense of belonging can build a community.
Forest School	This term the children will be taking part in the big garden tidy up, the Big Garden Birdwatch, nest building, sowing seeds, map work (4 fig grid ref) and making journey sticks.
Music	In music we shall be engaging in an instrumental study using glockenspiels whist building up to an easter service.
DT	Our DT project will focus on sewing skills, crafting pencil cases and tote bags.
Computing	In computing the children will be using data loggers to investigate the world around them.