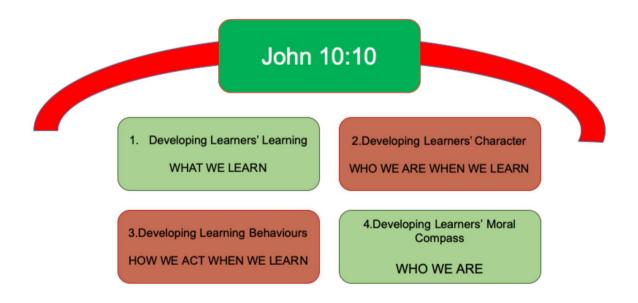


What is my child learning this half term?

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 1/2
Class Novel	Swallows – James and the Giant Peach Starlings- The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe Kingfishers- The Magic Faraway Tree
Writing	In Read, Write Inc this half term the children will continue to learn and revise their set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. In each group, they will explore a text related to their reading levels and sounds that they are learning. They will progress into composing descriptive sentences, questions, speech and thought bubbles and short narratives both orally and written. Children who have completed the Read, Write, Inc programme will move onto English lessons. This half term we will focussing on writing to inform. We will be researching and then writing information texts about large cats. This is always a great unit and should spark children's interest in the natural world. Why not see what you can find out about large cats (tigers, cheetahs, lions, pumas) at home?
Maths	In year 1 this half term, we will be continuing to focus on numbers to 20 with both addition and subtraction. We will be learning to name and sort a variety of 2D and 3D shapes before moving on to focus on numbers to 50. Year 2 children will be moving on to learning about multiplication and division this half term. We will be focussing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as well as learning to count in multiples of 3.
Science	This term we will be learning all about animals! We'll learn to classify them and find out what they need to survive. This will link in with our exciting trip to the aquarium!
RE	In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' We will be focussing on where they worship, what they believe about God and different celebrations they hold. In addition, we will be looking at the Torah and the Shema.
Geography	In Geography this half term, we will be focussing in on how we use maps. We will be using aerial views to look at Dartington and then using these to create our own maps. In addition, we will be learning the compass directions and using these to navigate around the school grounds.
PE	In PE this term we will be performing dances with simple movement patterns. Kingfishers and Starlings will be going Mountain biking down at the bike track and Swallows will be learning the fundamental skills of hockey.
RHE	In Relationship Health Education this term we will be learning about what it means to belong to a community. We will be considering how different people have different needs and how the community can help support people. Later in the term, we will be learning about why people work to earn money and how to save money.

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Forest School	In Forest School children will be learning about the local fieldwork of our school. We will be practising reading a compass, looking at aerial/birds' eye views and alternative maps such as journey sticks. Also, we will be finding out how to focus binoculars and identify bird species as it is the best time of year for spotting birds!
Music	In Music, we will be exploring vocal and instrumental timbre, structure and rhyme, dynamics and pitch.
Art	Our Art focus this term is Frottage with Max Ernst. We will be exploring tones, shades, textures and layering using a range of different drawing pencils and wax crayons. The children will then create a final piece which incorporates all they have learnt about rubbings using both natural and manmade objects.