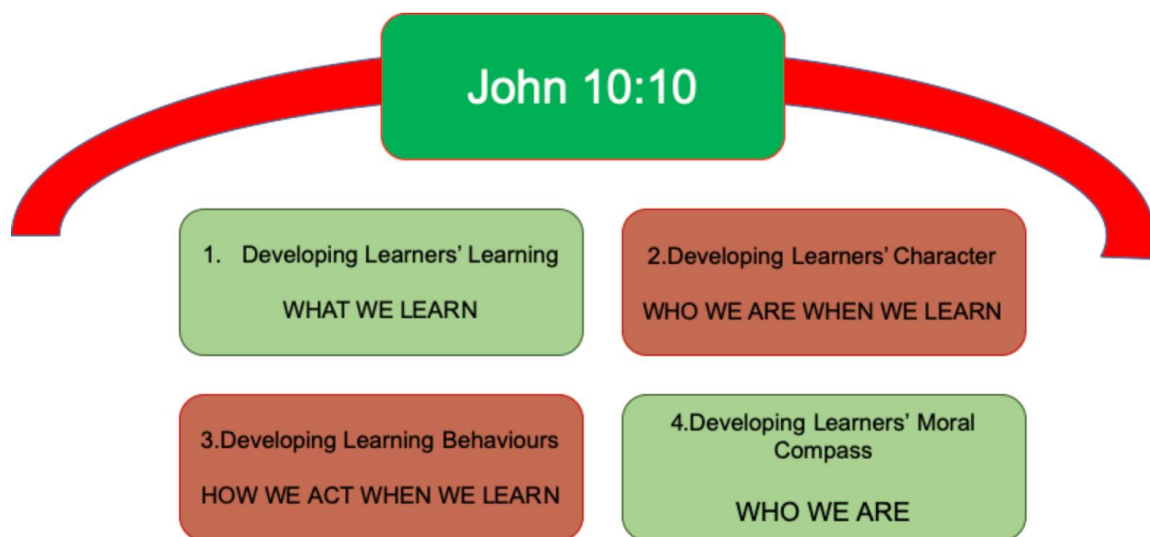


What is my child learning this half term?

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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Summer 1	Red Kites, Goldfinches and Swifts
Class Novel	This half term, in Red Kites we will be reading <i>The Final Year</i> by Matt Goodfellow. Goldfinches will be reading <i>Skellig</i> by David Almond and Swifts will be reading <i>The Wizard in my shed</i> by Simon Farnaby.
Writing	Within our English this half term, we will be focusing on writing to entertain. We will be starting with some science fiction through <i>Cosmic</i> by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. In these units we will be focusing on using a variety of sentence structures, integrate dialogue to advance the action and effective cohesion.
Maths	This half term, maths will continue to be different for both classes. In Swifts, we will be learning all about perimeter, area and shape. We will compare and order fractions, identify equivalent fractions and we will explore mixed numbers. Goldfinches and Red Kites, we will be focusing on a range of shorter units, pre and post SATs. Some of these include; algebra, ratio, angles, shape and measure. Alongside this, we will continue to recap the four operations, as well as fractions, decimals and percentages through morning challenges and mini quizzes to refresh our memory.
Science	In Science, both classes are learning about living things and their habitats. We will explore the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, birds and insects, as well as how cuttings can be used to grow new plants. We will think about how different classification systems are used and will give reasons as to how and why animals should be classified based on particular characteristics.
RE	This half term, our focus question is "What would Jesus do?". This links specifically to how Christians live reflecting and applying Jesus's teachings to their everyday life. We will look at the following key themes; love, forgiveness, justice, fairness and generosity. These will help us make connections to how Christians show these through Jesus's teaching, but also for the children to think of their own ideas about the importance of values to live by, comparing them to Christian ideas.
Geography	Within our geography sessions this half term, we will be focusing on physical geography, linked to climate zones and biomes. The children will recap the different climate zones within our world, alongside the types of biomes. We will then compare similarities and differences within each of these and think about how flora and fauna may have adapted over time within these zones/biomes. Finally, we will end with how humans have adapted these over time.
PE	This half term, our foci for PE is Tennis and Cricket. One of these will be taught by our specialist PE teacher Mr S. In Tennis, we will be focusing on racket skills, alongside different serving techniques and progression to enable more tactical play in small scale competitions. In Cricket, we will be revisiting our bowling and batting techniques, developing our reaction time coupled with fielder effectiveness to play a match successfully
RHE	In RHE this term, we will be focusing on Physical health and mental wellbeing. Within this, we will explore the importance of sufficient, good quality sleep, what constitutes a healthy diet, importance of building in regular exercise alongside personal hygiene and dental health. We will also look at the impact of some of these things in regards to our wellbeing, but also our physical health if we do not balance them correctly.
Forest School	In Forest School this half term, years 5 and 6 we will be sowing seeds in the garden and looking after them, year 5 will grow crops to harvest in the Autumn and year 6 to harvest in their last half term with us. We will also be looking at invertebrates that live in water when we go river dipping in the brook and there will also be opportunities to be creative with blossom painting in our Little Orchard.
Music	Our music focus for this half term will be looking at two "Sing up" Units – "Introduction to songwriting" and "building a groove". In these units we will be analysing song structures, creating our own hooks, developing them into chorus' and verses. We will also look at creating

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	drum patterns in groups, exploring basslines and creating a riff-based melody!
Art	Through our art sessions, we will be focusing on 'Cubism' with Pablo Picasso. Again, this will tie in with our science, as we will create paintings and drawings using cubism for different animals and people. Our main artist inspiration will be Picasso, alongside Georges Braque and Paul Klee. We will apply our previous learning of shade, tone, composition and scale to using geometric shapes, lines and markings to create a distorted image/figure of our chosen animal/person.
Computing	This half term, we will be creating vector images online, which are a digital image in which points, lines, and curves based on mathematical equations are used to form different shapes.
Modern Foreign Languages	In MFL, we will recap some of the basic vocabulary linked to greetings and numbers.