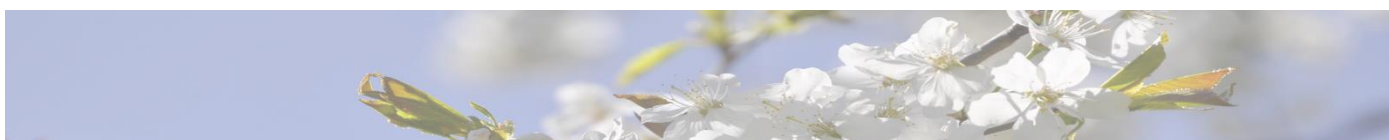
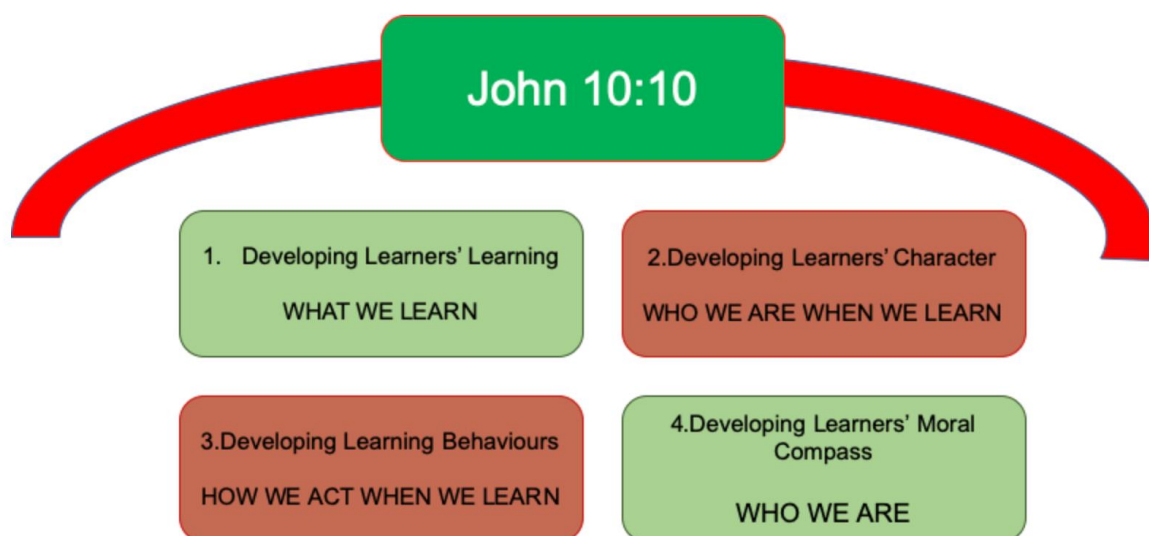


What is my child learning this half term?

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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Autumn 1	Swifts, Goldfinches and Red Kites
Class Novel	This term, Swifts will be continuing to read Loki by Louie Stowell. Goldfinches will be starting The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Rauf and Red Kites will continue to explore The Clockwork Sparrow by Katherine Woodfine.
Writing	Over the next few weeks, we will be writing to inform. To begin with, we will explore the purposes of speeches, the grammar skills included within them and choosing appropriate topics to write about. After our speeches, we will continue to look at writing to inform through letters and identifying the purpose and differences between both formal and informal letters, before writing our own.
Maths	This half term, we are going to be continuing with the longer sequence of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division across all classes. We will also continue with our daily ten arithmetic and times tables we need in order to support the above. Red Kites and Y6 Goldfinches will also partake in another round of practice SATs papers to highlight next steps for the new year and continue to support developing confidence.
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, "What does it mean to be a Humanist in Britain today?" We will begin by talking about the views of non-religious people and humanists, making connections in Humanism, exploring why science is important within this. We will also reflect on the values we may share with humanists and discuss this in relation to worldviews.
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 Gymnastics and Basketball. In Gymnastics, we will consider drawing on all of our previous year groups knowledge with regards to shapes and routine, to help create more complex routines involving apparatus. In Basketball, we will be working on improving coordination skills; throwing, catching, dribbling as well as working in pairs or teams to defend and attack a space or a hoop.
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 Ultimate Ukuleles! We will be looking at learning different chords such as C, C7, F and Am. These will then be used in playing familiar theme tunes/songs practicing the single chord, and then applying further with the use of up to 3 different chords within a song. All classes will also be practising carols for this year's service.
DT	In our DT lessons, we will be creating handmade winter woodland 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 watch their designs come to life in felt.

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Computing	This half term, we will be looking at variables in games. We will look at these in terms of real-world examples of values that can be set and changed. Then we will use variables to create a simulation of a scoreboard. In further lessons we will experiment with variables in an existing project, then modify them, before creating our own projects.
Modern Foreign Languages	In MFL, we will still begin each session with a quick recap of some of the basics; numbers, colours, greetings etc. This half term, we will move into fruits and vegetables, and being able to question and respond to a partner about ones we like and dislike.