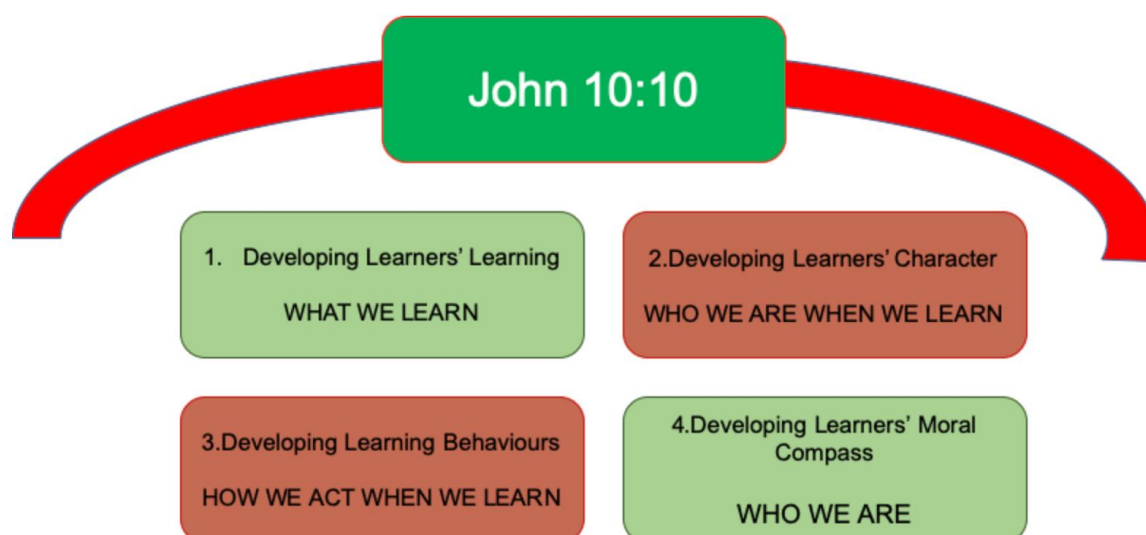


What is my child learning this half term?

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, we will be reading extracts from both “The Firework Maker’s daughter” by Philip Pullman and “The Lion above the door” by Onjali Rauf, discussing themes and thoughts provoked by these books, as well as retrieving and inferring information from them.
Writing	Over the next few weeks, we will be creating an adventure story, using the Firework Maker’s daughter by Philip Pullman 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 another well-known author, Onjali Rauf, inspired by her book “The Lion above the door” to consider how we can interpret different characters and a change of viewpoint.
Maths	This half term, all classes will begin a focus on place value, followed by a longer sequence covering all four main operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be completing daily arithmetic questions (tough ten) to keep revisiting the fundamental maths skills.
Science	This half term, we are learning about animals and their habitats. They will have the opportunity to identify the parts of flowers and to explore different ways that plants reproduce. They will learn about how animals reproduce including gestation and growth of different animals, as well as exploring the lives of a famous naturalist.
RE	Our RE this half term has a focus on the creation story, alongside the scientific story for how the world began. The children will navigate both viewpoints, considering others’ opinions amongst their own, and developing further questions about how religion and science can either conflict one another, or compliment one another.
Geography	Our geography focus will allow us to appreciate the world around us. We will begin by recapping key areas of a world map; The Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere etc. followed by an investigation into two different areas of the world; Indonesia and the Arctic. This will help us to compare life in two extremes!
PE	We will begin our PE sessions this term with Athletics and Football. In Football, our focus will be on invasion skills and teamwork as well as defending and attacking whereas in Athletics we will be developing our running and jumping skills.
RHE	We will begin our RHE sessions with a focus on “‘Respecting Ourselves and Others’ and ‘Families and Friendships’”. The children will look at what it is to be a respectful citizen, what our rights and responsibilities are, and how we can use this to form healthy and strong relationships with our families and friends.
Forest School	Our forest school learning this half term will allow us to go apple picking in our beautiful orchard, alongside using the apple press. We will also have the opportunity to make charcoal, go river dipping, make leek and potato soup and wild read.
Music	Our music focus for this half term is Happy by Pharrell Williams and exploring other related pop artists. We will be looking at the structure of the song, playing parts on a glockenspiel, singing and performing in small groups and exploring rhythm grids.
Art	This term, our art focus includes the opportunity to explore charcoal, through local artists such as Valerie Davide, alongside more international artists. The children will work on using shading, composition, and scale to create their own “living thing” inspired pieces. A wonderful

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	link to our science this half term.
Computing	This half term, we will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Crumble programming environment. We will explore creating a circuit connected to a computer, using count-controlled loops, inputting conditions, and identifying appropriate algorithms.
Modern Foreign Languages	In MFL, we will be exploring pronouns and irregular verbs in French, and how we can use these within sentences to build on our prior knowledge. We will begin each session with a quick recap of some of the basics; numbers, colours, greetings etc.