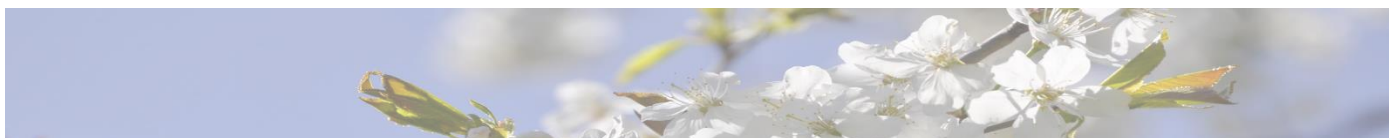
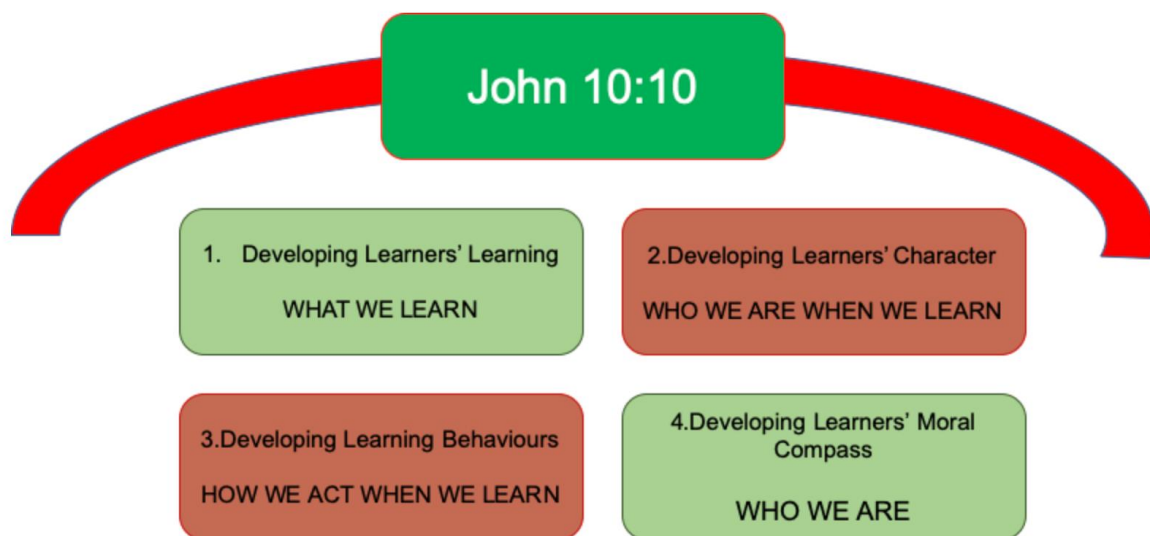


What is my child learning this half term?

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.



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.
Religion and Worldviews	Our Religion and Worldviews 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. Our big question this term is, "How does the location of Brazil, Iraq and Antarctica affect those that live there?" We will consider the humans and physical characteristics of these places, considering how this may affect the way people live or temporarily inhabit them.
PE	We will begin our PE sessions this term with multi-skills sessions. These will help children to further develop their catching, throwing, coordination and balance skills through various games and activities. They will work in pairs, small groups or teams to equally develop stamina, speed and teamwork.
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 be centred around the change in seasons and taking our Art learning outside. We will be going on a texture hunt, creating autumnal pieces of art using natural resources and charcoal. We will also be playing games that support teamwork whilst using tarpaulin, knot work and other materials
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 link to our science this half term.

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Computing	This half term, we will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming by using Scratch. This will develop the children's understanding of using "C-shaped" blocks that let programs make decisions and branch into different paths based on true or false conditions.
Modern Foreign Languages	In MFL, we will be recognising and recalling the 7 days of the week and the 12 months of the year. We will also recall and continue to learn numbers up to 31, which will help us to ask what the date is in French. We will also be able to apply this learning in asking someone when their birthday is, and to reply when our own birthday is.