

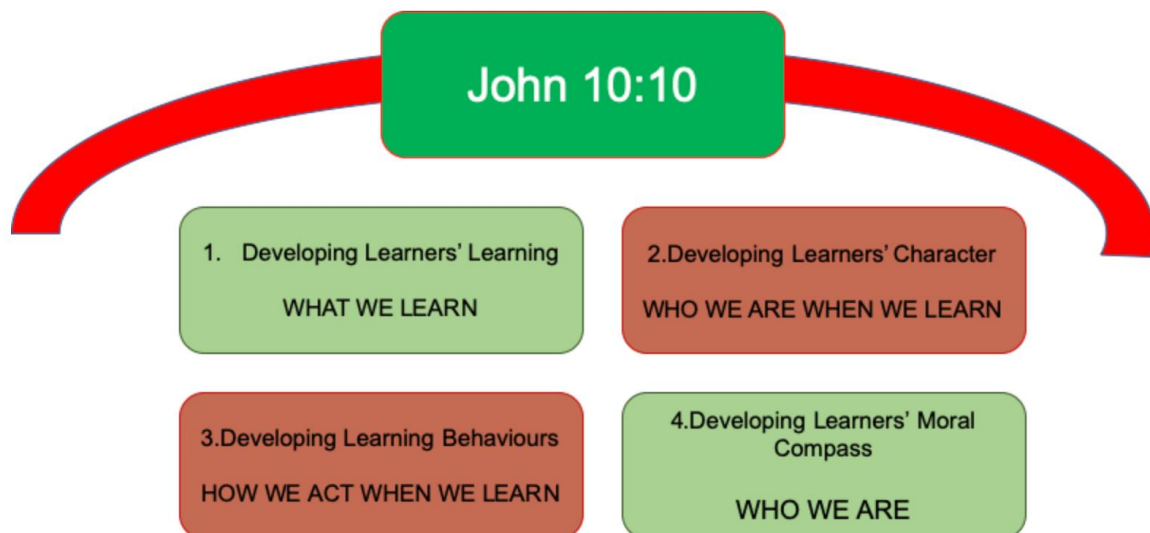


What is my child learning this half term?

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.





Spr 1	Year 3/4
Class Novel	Einstein the Penguin by Iona Rangeley. We will use this text to guide our whole class reading activities as well as enjoy it as our daily class story. whiter
Writing	This half term, our focus will be on developing writing that informs and inspires. Using <i>My Strong Mind</i> as our starting point, we will explore how to blend both explanation and instruction, creating instruction texts that explain strategies for building resilience.
Maths	The Year 3 and Year 4 maths curriculum this term will continue our learning on multiplication and division before we move on to explore length and perimeter. We will be finishing the half term by beginning our fractions unit which will continue into Spring 2.
Science	We will be learning about rocks and soil in science. We will look at the physical properties of different types of rock and find out how soils are formed from organic matter. We will also learn how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.
RE	This term we will be exploring Islam and thinking about our big question: How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim? We will be learning about what the Quran teaches about Allah as well as exploring the importance of prayer for Muslims and why mosques are special places. Finally, we will learn about the festival of Ramadan.
Geography	In Geography this term, we will be learning about the physical features of earthquakes and volcanoes and their impact on the environment. We will explore a couple of key case studies before thinking about the benefits and downsides to living near a volcano.
PE	For our indoor PE lessons, we will be taking part in dance this term. As part of our outdoor PE lessons, we will be learning how to play hockey, focusing on controlling the ball as well as learning the rules of the game.
RHE	Our RHE learning will explore what it means to belong within our communities and be proactive citizens. We'll also explore and discuss media, literacy and digital resilience.
Forest School	In Forest School, this half term children will be exploring and experimenting to deepen their understanding of rocks and soils. Also, they will be learning to identify our local bird species and contributing data as citizen scientists to the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch.

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Music	This half-term, we will be enjoying improvisation using different musical genres including, folk songs, disco and jazz. We will use instruments as well as our voices to explore time signatures and patterns.
Art	This half-term, our focus artist will be William Morris. We will explore his repeating patterns inspired by nature as well as printing techniques before we create our own final piece.