

Computing

This term in computing our topic is:
'We are Historians'

During this unit will involve **historical research** and looking at **census data** for our local area. We will create our own modern census style **database** of our classmates. Finally, we will compare and contrast the two sets of data presenting some of our findings in a report. We are very excited because we will be using computing resources such as iPads and netbooks.



Religious Education

During this term we will be focussing on **Judaism**.

We will be looking at celebrations which take place in Jewish homes and discussing the festival of **Hannukah**.

We will learn that a **Synagogue** is a Jewish place of worship and that the **Torah** – the Jewish Holy Book, is kept in a special cupboard called an **Ark**.



Reading

We recommend that you read with your child **every day** for **15 to 20 minutes**. This will help them to develop a word bank which they can use in their school work.

Reading is very important and aids your child's knowledge of punctuation, sentence structure and story structure. Your child will learn more effectively if they read more at home.

Spelling & Homework

You will receive a **Home Learning Passport** detailing projects and questions for you and your child to complete at home. All homework is carefully chosen to link closely with your child's school learning.

If you have the internet at home, your child has a unique username and password that they can use to access **Mathletics**, an online programme subscribed to by the school, to help our children to improve and reinforce their maths skills.

<http://uk.mathletics.com/signin/>

Spellings will be sent home on Fridays: Children will have 1 week to find out the meaning of each word and to learn the correct spelling for their spelling test on the following Friday.

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Successful Learners

English

This term our focus text is:
'Charlotte's Web' by *E.B. White*.



'When a young farm girl finds out that her dad is about to kill the runt from the newest litter of pigs, she rushes to the aid of the helpless animal. Her dad sees that she is genuinely concerned

about the pig and so he gives it to her as a pet. This is the start of a long lasting friendship between Fern and Wilber.'

We will be focusing on developing our writing skills by looking at different genres. These genres will include traditional tales and recounts through newspaper reports and diary extracts.

There will be a strong focus on reading comprehension using **Bloom's Taxonomy**; handwriting, vocabulary, grammar and spelling.

At The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, we strive to ensure our children are prepared for the world in which they live.

We teach our children:

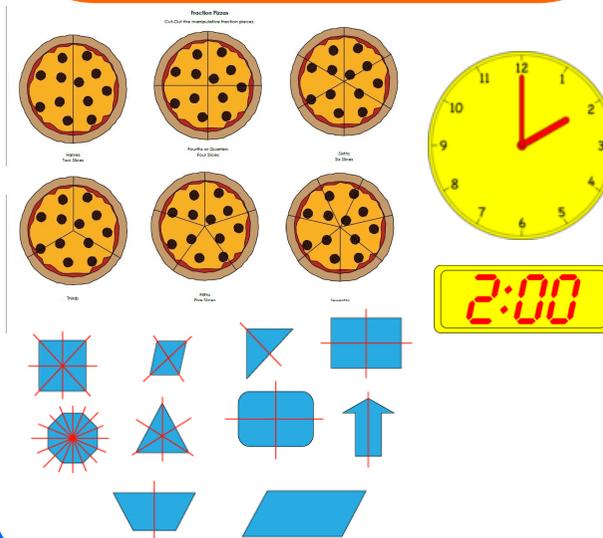
Responsibility
Initiative
Curiosity
Optimism

Independence
Generosity
Perseverance
Social Intelligence

Mathematics

We will be focusing on improving mental arithmetic skills and times table knowledge. We will be ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000. We will use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000.

We will also learn to recognise the equivalence between decimal and fraction forms of one half, quarters, tenths and hundredths and using diagrams to identify equivalent fractions. As well as interpreting mixed numbers and positioning them on a number line and identifying pairs of fractions that total 1. Finally we will learn to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks and recognise lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes orientations.



Topic: Land, Sky & Sea

Focus Figure: Thomas Colby
Focus Text: 'The Great Kapok Tree'
Lynne Cherry

In this **geography** led unit we will learn about how plants and animals **adapt** to their **environments**. The Earth is full of life. Over 1.7 million **species** of living things inhabit our mountains, deserts, forests, caves, lakes, rivers and oceans. Plants and animals can adapt to living almost anywhere on Earth.



Physical Education

This term we will be developing skills in **Gymnastics**. We will practise a range of actions, body shapes and balances to demonstrate in a performance. We will also be performing balances and counter balances with control. We will also be incorporating our floor work onto a range of apparatus.



PE will be on Fridays

All children are required to take part in physical education. Please ensure that your child has a school PE kit with plimsolls in school on their PE day.