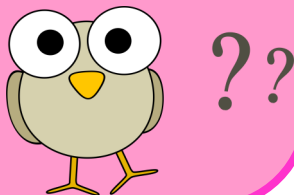


## Communication & Language

This term we are really focussing on developing our speaking and listening skills and will be exploring brand new areas within our learning environments to help us improve these skills.

Please encourage your child to answer 'how?' and 'why?' questions and to recall events from stories that they have read at school. Encourage them to learn and use new words and ask them to explain to you the meaning of the words.



## Physical Development

We will be experimenting different ways of moving, and practising jumping from different apparatus in both our PE lessons and when we are in our outside learning areas.

We will develop an understanding of physical activity by learning that exercise is fun and it makes us feel good.

Please keep encouraging your child to dress and undress independently. You can also help your child to hold their writing implements such as pencils, crayons and pens using a comfortable grip and support them with their cutting skills.



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our topic this half term is:

### Buildings and Our Local Environment

We will be learning about the purpose of different buildings such as schools, hospitals, homes, places of worship, museums, supermarkets etc.

We will encourage children to play together and take turns with the new resources which have been introduced to our outside area. We will support children to choose resources themselves to complete their activity and develop confidence in asking for help if they need it.

There will be opportunities to share our feelings in our 'Charlie's Friends' programme. Please praise your child when they achieve something and encourage them to persevere when they are finding something difficult.

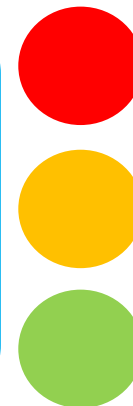


The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School  
Weir Hall Road  
London N17 8LB  
020 8808 2053  
[www.devonshirehill.com](http://www.devonshirehill.com)

## The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School

### Curriculum Information

Spring 2  
2017



## Reception

The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School  
  
**Successful Learners**

## English

We will continue with phonics four times a week, continuously focusing on developing our knowledge of sounds. We will be improving our blending skills at every opportunity that we can find throughout the school day!

We will work on developing our confidence in writing by writing sentences about where we live and the different buildings that we can see in our local environment. Please encourage your child to try to form all of their letters correctly and always hold their pencil in a comfortable manner.

We will be reading lots of different books and answering questions about what we have been reading during Guided Reading time. We will learn some poems and think about words that rhyme.

At The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School our vision is to equip your child with core academic and social skills needed to be prepared for life.

We teach our children:

Responsibility  
Initiative  
Curiosity  
Optimism

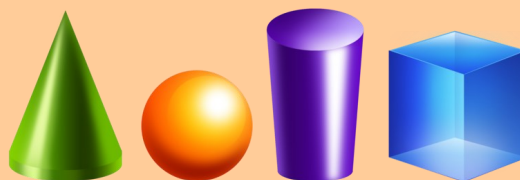
Independence  
Generosity  
Perseverance  
Social Intelligence

## Mathematics

Continuing with the **Maths Mastery** half term focuses on learning to count reliably within 20 and building on our knowledge about numbers within 15.

We will explore the components of numbers within 20 and apply our number sense when problem solving. We will learn about numbers within 20 and begin to look at number bonds, addition and subtraction.

This term will also explore shape and pattern discovering the properties of both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes as well as remembering the names of different shapes.



The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School  
★★★★★  
**Successful Learners**

## Expressive Art & Design

The children will learn about the construction process and the tools and techniques that can be used to assemble materials creatively and safely.

See if you can help your child at home to make a model, from recycling, of a building in your local environment. You could even use different sized boxes and tubes to design your own building.



## Understanding The World

We will investigate different objects, their materials and their properties. We will also learn about change and patterns, similarities and differences, and frequently asking 'how?' and 'why?' to help us discover the way in which things work.

Talk to your child about the materials that your house is made from. Why is glass used for windows? Why aren't houses made of ice? What different textures can you find in your home?

