

Computing

This term our computing unit is called: **'We are Story Tellers'**.

In this unit, we will be creating a talking book that can be shared with others. We will combine images, text and audio to tell our stories.

We will be using the school's iPads to practise our ICT skills.



Religious Education

This half term our focus is **Islam**.

We will discover the beliefs of **Muslims**, that they believe in one true **God** who is the creator and provider of all things, his name is **Allah**. We will learn about how Muslims **respect**, appreciate and give thanks for all that Allah has created. We will also learn about the belief that Allah sent messengers and books to guide and teach people - **Prophet Mohammad (pbuh)** and revelation of the **Qur'an**.



Reading

Our reading programme is aimed at encouraging children to read to parents/carers every day. All children have been issued with a reading record which should be signed by an adult who has listened to them read. Awards will be issued in assembly for children completing 10, 20 and 30 books.

Please aim to read with your child daily - reading regularly at home helps your child learn more effectively and will improve their vocabulary, spelling, grammar and concentration.

Spelling & Home Learning

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 access to the internet at home, your child has a unique username and password that they can use to access **Mathletics**. This online programme subscribed to by the school, will help your child 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 learn the correct spelling for their spelling test on the following Friday.

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Year 1

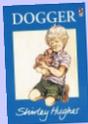
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Successful Learners

English

Focus Texts:

- **Traction Man is Here**
by Mini Grey
- **The Elephant and the Bad Baby**
by E Vipont & R Briggs
- **Dogger**
by Shirley Hughes



We will be exploring how characters and settings are used and attempting to write our own missions. We will also be writing non-chronological reports about different celebrations as well as explanation texts about the history of Guy Fawkes' Bonfire Night.

In Phonics, we will continue to read, spell and write using all sounds that we already know, we will also be introducing some new sounds.

There will be a strong focus on handwriting, reading comprehension (including answering inferential questions), vocabulary, grammar and spelling.

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

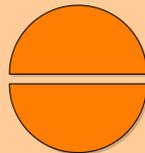
In Year 1 we are following the **Mathematics Mastery** programme:

www.mathematicsmastery.org/

We will be adding and subtracting within 50. We will be learning to recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. This will then be extended to finding and naming quarters. We will also be solving one step problems involving halves and quarters and learn that halving is the inverse of doubling. We will be introducing odd and even numbers and the concept that an odd number cannot be divided equally by two. Finally we will be using non-standard units to measure items as well as comparing, describing and solving practical problems involving length, heights and mass/weight.

Across each week we will have **Maths Meetings** which will consolidate learning covered in the previous mathematics units. These meetings will focus on the days of the week, months of the year, consolidating number work as well as revising the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

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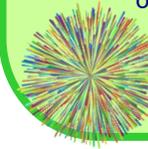


Topic: Celebrations

Focus Figure: Guy Fawkes

Focus Text: The Fabulous Firework Family
by James Flora

The children will learn about the history of Guy Fawkes and how in 1605 he made a plot to destroy the important buildings of London with the King and his leaders inside, this was because he wanted someone else to rule England instead. Luckily Fawkes was caught before his plan could unfold and nobody was hurt. It's because of this that we celebrate Bonfire Night each year on 5th November. We will learn that Guy Fawkes didn't do this alone – he had a group of people working with him. These people helped to fill up the basement in the Houses of Parliament in London, with lots of gunpowder, in an attempt to make the building explode to kill King James I and other important people in charge of the country. Fortunately Guy Fawkes was caught before he could trigger the explosion and went to jail on 5th November – we remember this and celebrate every year on Bonfire Night.



Physical Education

Emerald Class will focus on:
Throwing and Catching

Pupils will develop their skills of throwing and catching accurately and begin to play team games involving these skills.

Amethyst Class will focus on:
Gymnastics

Pupils will develop their co-ordination, balance, control and confidence in trying new skills such as basic rolls and shoulder stands.

PE will be on Thursday .

All children are required to take part in physical education. Your child must have a school PE kit with plimsolls in school on their PE day.