

## Computing

This term our computing unit is called: **'We Are Astronauts'**.

In this unit the children will use technology to research and note take, they will then collate the information into an eBook.

Using Scratch software, we will be inputting a sequence of instructions that programme an onscreen sprite to move.

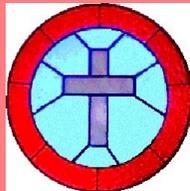
We will continue to use the school iPads to develop our ICT skills.



## Religious Education

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

We will learn about **Christian** beliefs, about **God** and **Jesus** and their teachings. We will explore what it means to believe someone. We will develop an understanding of Jesus' life and how he taught people through stories. The **parables** of *The Lost Sheep*, *The Good Samaritan*, and *The Prodigal Son* will be explored as ways to find out what Jesus taught about the relationship between God and people, and how Christians believe God wants people to live.



## 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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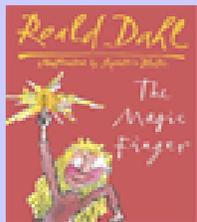
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## English

**Focus Text 1:** 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl.

*'What happens when the hunted become the hunter? To the Gregg family, hunting is just plain fun. To the girl next door, it's plain horrible. She tries to be polite. She tries to talk them out of it, but the Greggs only laugh at her. Then one day the Greggs go too far, and the little girl turns her Magic Finger on them.'*



**Focus Text 2:** The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt.

*'Poor Duncan just wants to colour. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! What is Duncan to do?'*



We will be taking part in a variety of different writing activities and thinking about how we can edit and improve our writing each time. We will be writing letters and diary entry from a character's point of view. We will be writing conversations between two or more crayons. We will also be writing a new story about everyday objects that decide to quit their jobs.

We will also be comparing our 'English Focus Text's to our 'Topic Focus Text' in order to understand the difference between fiction and non fiction and diary entries.

## Mathematics

In Year 2 we are following the **Mathematics Mastery** programme:

[www.mathematicsmastery.org/](http://www.mathematicsmastery.org/)

This term we will be using sharing to work out division sums and to solve different word problems. We will learn doubles of bigger numbers and find halves and quarters of a set of objects and quantities and shapes.

We will be learning how to tell the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will be working with both analogue and digital clocks.

The children will be rounding numbers up or down, using greater than and less than and adding more than two numbers together.

Finally we will continue to practise our times tables and finding multiples of different numbers.

Help your child to learn their times tables and corresponding division facts.

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

## Topic: Flowers & Insects

**Focus Figure:** Priscilla Wakefield  
**Focus Text:** 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle

This is a **Science** related topic. We will be studying the structure of a variety of flowering plants. We will have the opportunity to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.

Working scientifically we will plan a 'fair test' to identify which important factors cause plants to grow best. We will observe the changes that a bulb goes through as it grows and how worms move through the soil.

The children will visit the Tottenham Cemetery to identify which insects live there.

## Physical Education

**Sapphire Class** will focus on **Gymnastics**

Pupils will develop their co-ordination, balance and control when learning the new skills of: log, dish and teddy bear rolls, shoulder stands and forward rolls. They will also begin to develop skills in self and peer assessment of individual skills and create their own routines.

**Diamond Class** will focus on:  
**Throwing and Catching**

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

**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.**