

Computing

This half term we will focus our learning on:

Animation

In this unit, Year 2 will be using the school's laptops and iPads to create an **algorithm** for an animated scene in the form of a storyboard. They will also write a program using the software '**Scratch Jr**'



Children will be taught online safety in order to participate safely in the online community including when sourcing images for their projects.

Religious Education

This half term our focus is:

Christianity

Year 2 be learning about the celebration of Christmas, why this celebration is so important to Christians and how Christmas is celebrated.



We will discuss the idea of God giving the 'gift' of Jesus to the world.

Our key question this half term will be:

Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?



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 one 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 2

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English

Focus Texts:

- 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' - David Conway
- 'Meerkat Mail' - Emily Gravett

This half term Year 2 will be analysing the focus texts and adding in our own scenes and characters. Children will be writing in the voice of a character as well as researching information about Kenya. Finally we will be writing a post card from a new location, and a new version of Meerkat Mail.



Children will be writing in different styles and learning how to check, edit and up-level their work.



There will be a strong focus on reading comprehension, handwriting, 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

Mathematics Mastery is an exciting maths scheme which is adopted in our maths lessons for pupils in Reception - Year 3. Children will learn through 'hands-on' investigation which will help them to develop a deeper understanding of key mathematical concepts.

www.mathematicsmastery.org/

Year 2 will focus on improving their arithmetic skills and times tables knowledge.

Children will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 100 and using $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs. They will recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently as well as using adding to check subtraction. Children will be using rulers to measure and draw lines to the nearest centimetre. Children will also learn to estimate how long an activity might take, then check using a timer. They will be exploring different shapes and learning how to tell the time when it is something o'clock or half past the hour.

Finally children will practice their mental arithmetic strategies to add and subtract numbers in our heads. They will also be learning how to solve simple one-step problems involving addition and subtraction.

Mandarin

Year 2 will be learning to say numbers, time, body parts, animals and time. Children will work towards introducing their family members in Mandarin. There will also be a focus on traditional Chinese clothing, Chinese arts and crafts and Mandarin greetings for the festive season.



Topic: People of the Past

Focus Figure: Rosa Parks

Focus Text: 'A Picture Book of Rosa Parks' by David Alder



This is mainly a **History** based unit. History is one big story, filled with important people who did many great things – scientists, rulers, artists, writers, explorers. By learning about these people and what they did, we can find out more about the qualities that make someone great. In **Music**, we will be exploring music by a famous composer and creating our own music to tell the story of our famous composer. In **Art**, we will be exploring portraits of famous people from the past, creating a portrait of a friend, exploring the work of famous artists and painting a scene in the style of a famous artist. In **PSHE**, we will explore the idea of 'fairness' and finding out why some people in the past wanted to make change.

Physical Education

Year 2 will focus on: **Gymnastics**

Children will develop our range of basic gymnastic skills. Creating simple sequences of 'unlike' actions on the floor, e.g. a roll, jump and a shape. Then transferring our skills on to apparatus. They will use our skills and abilities individually, in combination and in sequence, with the aim of showing as much control and precision as possible.

PE will be on Wednesday.

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.