

## Computing

This half term we will focus our learning on: **'Scratch'**

Year 3 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'** to create animation.



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

## Religious Education

This half term our focus is:

### Christianity

Year 3 will discuss what the word 'miracle' means and will be learning about the stories which tell of Jesus' miracles. We will discuss as a class why Jesus' miracles are so important to Christians.

Our key question this half term will be:

Could Jesus heal people?  
Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?



## Reading

As readers, children take part in daily extended reading lessons, four times a week, based on a reading approach called Destination Reader. <https://www.hackneyservicesforschools.co.uk/product/destination-reader-school> The main focus of the approach is teaching the key reading strategies which support comprehension and dialogue, through quality texts. We also aim to foster a lifelong love of reading by encouraging our children to read as much and as often as possible.

At the end of each day, the teacher reads a quality text to the children to ensure that they are hearing rich vocabulary daily.

All children are encouraged to read every night for 20 minutes and to record this in their Home Reading Journals which must be signed by a parent/carer.

## 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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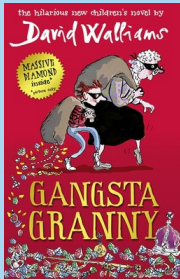
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## English

This half term our Focus Text is:  
**'Gangsta Granny'** by David Walliams

*'This book is about a boy called Ben who thinks his granny is really boring! Little did he know ... she was a jewel thief!!! Ben and granny went on a jewel quest, to steal the crown jewels...they had to find a mode of transport to get there, and the only option was to go on granny's mobility scooter down the motorway, and swim down the river Thames to a secret opening to the Tower of London. What will happen?'*



We will also be reading texts about Fashion and Popular Culture as well as researching the work of Vivian Westwood.

There will be a strong focus on reading comprehension through **Destination Reader**. We will also be focussing on our handwriting, vocabulary, grammar and spelling.



## Music



Coral Class will continue with their weekly ukulele lessons during Spring 1. Pupils will be working towards performing in the Spring Term Music Concert.

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

Children will focus on improving our **arithmetic skills** and **times tables** knowledge.

Year 3 will be learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute on both digital and analogue clocks, this will include using Roman numerals.

Children will be comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators. They will also be solving problems using complex addition and subtraction.

Using bar charts, pictograms and tables children will be interpreting and presenting data. They will solve one and two step questions using information presented in scaled bar charts, pictograms and tables. Finally children will be applying their knowledge of multiplication facts for the 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 times-tables and the corresponding division facts. This will assist us when applying the use of practical and informal written methods to multiply and divide two-digit numbers.

Finally we will identify right angles, recognise that two right angles make a half turn etc. while practicing to draw and measure straight lines in cm.

## Mandarin

Year 3 will be using the language and vocabulary they have learned in Year 2 and applying it to practical contexts and real life situations. Children will practice asking and answering questions which will enable them to become more confident to hold a simple conversation in Mandarin. They will revisit the traditions of Chinese New Year with a greater understanding of the history surrounding it and they will use their growing range of vocabulary to describe and celebrate this wonderful festival.

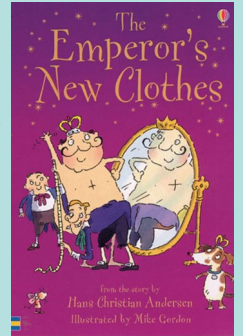


## Topic: Fashion—Popular Culture

**Focus Figure:** Vivienne Westwood

**Focus Text:** 'The Emperors New Clothes'  
by H.C Anderson

From the clothes that we wear to the groups that we belong, fashion is about how we want others to view us and think about us. For some, fashion is about being popular; for others it is keeping up-to-date with the latest trends and crazes. Some people use fashion to fit in, whilst others use it to prove they are different. By learning about fashion, the children will be learning about people and society, and the things that influence how we present ourselves to our friends, family and communities. We will be designing and making items of clothing using recyclable materials which the children will then present in a fashion show.



## Physical Education

**Year 3** will focus on: **Volleyball**

Pupils will be building upon their throwing and catching skills over a net and learning the rules and terminology of volleyball to play games in teams of three.

**PE will be on Thursday for Coral Class.**

**Amber class will be having swimming lessons on Mondays for the first half of the school year.**

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