

Computing

This half term we will focus our learning on:
'Comic Life'

In this unit, Year 1 will be creating their very own comic strip using the software "Comic Life". Children will build on the skills they have been taught to select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices.



Children will also 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 1 will be learning about the Christian celebration of Easter. Pupils will discuss the story of Easter and will learn about the significance of Palm Sunday.



Our key question this half term will be:

Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?



Reading

As emerging readers, the children have daily phonics lessons using the 'Read Write Inc.' programme which helps them to learn how to read. <https://ruthmiskin.com/en/>

Children are taught to their ability through focus groups. They develop their reading and comprehension skills as well as their knowledge of a variety of texts through reading comprehension activities. As well as reading in small groups children also read individually with an adult. At the end of the day, the teacher reads a quality text to the class to ensure that they are hearing rich vocabulary daily.

All children are encouraged to read every night for 15 minutes. Completed books should be recorded in their Home Reading journal which must be signed by parent/carers.

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, your child has a unique username and password that they can use to access **Mathletics** and **Times Tables Rockstars**. These online programmes, subscribed to by the school, will help to improve and reinforce your child's maths skills.

Mathletics - <http://uk.mathletics.com/signin/>
TT Rockstars - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

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 1

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Five stars in a row, each a different color: yellow, red, blue, grey, and orange.
Successful Learners

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.

<https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/>

Year 1 will be adding and subtracting within 50. Pupils 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. Pupils 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 pupils 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.

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

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



In **Phonics**, we will continue to read, spell and write using all sounds including new sounds and those that we already know.

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

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.

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Mandarin

Year 1 will be developing their range of vocabulary by learning words relevant to transport. Pupils will apply their existing knowledge of the Mandarin language to communicate using simple words and phrases. There will be a focus on simple conversation by asking and answering the question 'What is your name?'. Pupils will explore the styles and characteristics of traditional Chinese architecture. They will make handcraft which relates to Chinese architecture.



Topic: 'What's It Made Of?'

Focus Figure: Alexander Parkes

Focus Text: 'The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle' by Alison Inches

In this science led unit, we will be exploring different materials by taking part in a range of activities and experiments, to strengthen our understanding of



materials and their properties. To consolidate our knowledge of properties, we will be conducting an experiment to test the best material needed for a teddy's raincoat. There will focus on the word 'water-proof'. Finally we will also be testing the speed of toy cars on different surfaces.

Physical Education

Amethyst class will focus on **Co-ordination**.

Pupils will develop their co-ordination skills by applying and enhancing existing knowledge to a variety of co-ordination games. Games will require co-ordination skills such as balance, agility, aim, throwing and catching.

Emerald 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 Wednesdays.

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.

All items in your child's PE kit must be clearly marked with their name.