

## Computing

This half term we will focus our learning on:  
**Research and Presentation**

Children will learn about the importance of research, as well as developing the necessary skills to transfer their findings into a presentation.



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 be learning about the importance of the celebration of **Easter** to the **Christian** faith. There will be a focus on **forgiveness** and the significance of **Good Friday**. Pupils will discuss how this day is relevant to the story of Easter.



Our key question this half term will be:

What is 'good' about Good Friday?



## 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. Completed books should be recorded 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, 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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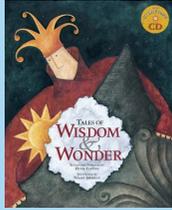


Year 3

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**Successful Learners**

## English

This half term our Focus Text is: **'Tales of Wisdom & Wonder'** by Hugh Lupton.



'Tales of Wisdom and Wonder' is a collection of folklore from around the world. There are seven stories in all, each representing cultural and geographical versions of folklore. How can a blind man see more than his companion, the hunter? What will become of the peddler who decides to follow his dream? How do fishes find themselves swimming in the grass of a forest? Nothing is quite as it seems in this book.

We will also be reading texts relevant to our Topic **'Scavengers & Settlers'** as well as researching our focus figure, **Bear Grylls**.

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



Amber Class will now be practicing in weekly ukulele lessons. Pupils will be working towards performing in an End of 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. Pupils can practise their times tables from home using their **Times Tables Rock Star** login. [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

Year 3 will be learning how to calculate and measure a variety of shapes. Pupils will be drawing shapes with a reflective line of symmetry using mirrors.

Pupils will be reading and recording the vocabulary relevant to position, direction and movement, as well as using the four compass directions to describe movement on a grid.

Year 3 will use written methods to record, support and explain addition and subtraction of two-digit and three-digit numbers. The use of practical and informal written methods will help pupils to support the multiplication and division of two-digit numbers (e.g.  $13 \times 3$ ,  $30 \div 4$ ); along with this we will be finding unit fractions of numbers and quantities, e.g. one half ( $1/2$ ), one third ( $1/3$ ), one quarter ( $1/4$ ) and one sixth ( $1/6$ ) of 12 litres. Finally pupils will be rehearsing multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times-tables and the corresponding division facts.

## Mandarin

Year 3 will be developing their knowledge of language linked to work and occupation. Pupils will apply this to existing knowledge of self introduction. By practicing discussions about future aspirations, and occupations of family members pupils will develop their ability to ask and answer questions in Mandarin. Pupils will expand on their understanding of Chinese culture through exploration of traditional styles and characteristics of Chinese architecture. Pupils will make handcraft which relates to Chinese architecture.



## Topic: Scavengers & Settlers

**Focus Figure:** Bear Grylls

**Focus Text:** 'The Secrets of Stonehenge' by Mick Manning

This term we will be looking at the period of history from Early Man to the Iron Age.

We will discover the main characteristics of the people and cultures that existed during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, including hunter-gatherers and early farmers. We will compare the similarities and differences between the ages and compare them to society today. In Art we will be creating our own prehistoric cave paintings as well as making and decorating pottery inspired by one of the periods which we are exploring. Using what we have learnt, we will also be making our very own fossils.



## Physical Education

**Amber Class** will focus on **Athletics**.

This half term pupils will be developing their athletic abilities. They will be enhancing their technique when running, jumping and throwing. Pupils will watch good examples and use them to develop their own techniques. Finally we will be building our ability to work in teams.

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

**Coral class will be having swimming lessons on Mondays for the remainder of the school year.**

**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.**