

Computing

This half term we will focus our learning on:
Makey

Year 4 will be transforming everyday objects into their touchpads, empowering them to interact with computers as creative tools.



Pupils will create their own method of interfacing with computers and will be working in groups to overcome barriers to learning and creating, as well as giving way to a world of exploration that is on their terms.

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 4 will be discussing the significance of forgiveness in the **Christian** faith. Pupils will consider how **forgiveness** relates to the story of **Easter**.

Our key question for this half term will be:

Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?



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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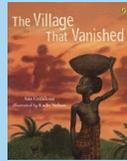
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Successful Learners

English

This half term our focus text is:

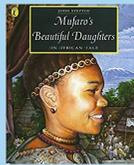
'The Village that Vanished' - by Ann Grifalconi

'Young Abikanile and all of the villagers of Yao feel safe hidden deep within the African jungle. However word has come that the slavers are on their way, but all of the men are away, and so the women and elderly people have no protection. As the villagers retreat into the forest, Abikanile finds that she too has the courage to help her people stay safe and free.'



'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters' - by John Steptoe

'Nyasha is kind and considerate, but everyone—except Mufaro—knows that Manyara is selfish and bad-tempered. When the Great King decides to take a wife and invites the most worthy and beautiful daughters in the land to appear before him, Mufaro brings both of his daughters—but only one can be queen.'



Children will be writing in different styles and genres including traditional tales and recounts through newspaper reports and diary extracts. They will continue to check, edit and up-level their work.

There will be a strong focus on reading comprehension through **Destination Reader**. We will also be focussing on our 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

Year 4 will focus on improving their arithmetic skills and **times tables knowledge**.

Pupils will solve problems involving multiplication and addition, including the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit. As well as this pupils will be solving integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as 'n' objects are connected to 'm' objects.

Year 4 will be finding the effect of dividing a one or two-digit number by 10 and 100 as well as identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths. Pupils will learn to estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence.

Strong emphasis will be placed on improving pupil's reasoning skills, mental arithmetic skills and times-tables knowledge. Finally we will be expanding our knowledge of Roman Numerals up to 100.

Mandarin

Year 4 will be learning to talk about special dates, for example the dates of somebody's birthday. Pupils will be introduced to dialogue relevant to the past, present and future. They will also learn how to describe an event. 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: ' Living Together - Our Community'

Focus Figure: Gabriel Fahrenheit

Focus Text: 'One Well'

by Rochelle Strauss

We will learn that we belong to many different communities – family, friends, sports teams, activity groups, etc. However, there is one thing that every community has in common – people. We must learn how to respect, support and work together if we hope to become valuable contributors to the communities that we are a part of. In Geography we will be finding out how our school meets the needs of the community and about the buildings and services within our local area. In Art we will be making a community sculpture for the school, and in computing we will be making own animation about the 'netiquette' needed for online digital communities.



Music



Crystal Class will be continuing with their drumming lessons while Garnet Class will be continuing their guitar lessons. Children will be working towards performing in the End of Term Music Concerts.

Physical Education

Year 4 will focus on **Rounders**.

Year 4 will develop the throwing and catching skills needed to play rounders. Pupils will begin to learn basic bowling, batting and fielding skills before playing full rounders matches in groups.

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.