

## Computing

This half term we will focus our learning on:  
**HTML Weather Reports**

This half term Year 4 will be writing a program for a specific purpose. Pupils will incorporate features such as inputs, repetition and procedures to successfully create their programme. They will learn to use 'if' and 'then' command within a series of instructions. Finally pupils will test existing software in order to see how they could be improved.

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 learn about the significance of **Prayer** and **Worship** in Christianity. Pupils will learn about the importance of the Christian place of worship the **Church** and the importance of a Church within the Christian community.

Our key question for this half term will be:

**How do Christians communicate to God?**



## 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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## Mathematics

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.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com)

This term during maths we will be using and applying the following areas weekly: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, geometry, data handling, fractions, decimals and percentages.

Pupils will solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why. By choosing the appropriate operation, we will also be solving two-step problems involving multiplication, division, fractions and decimals to two decimal places as well as converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months; weeks to days.

In geometry pupils will compare and ordering angles; begin to use a protractor to measure angles; compare lengths and angles to decide if a polygon is regular or irregular and complete simple symmetric figures with respect to a specific line of symmetry. In data handling we will be relating the graphical representation of data to recording change over time.

Strong emphasis will be placed on improving our reasoning skills, mental arithmetic skills and times-tables knowledge.

Across each week we will have **Maths Meetings** to consolidate key areas of mathematics or introduce the new topic that we will be learning.

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

This half term our focus text is:

**Varjak Paw** - by SF Said

*'Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.'*



We will also be reading texts relevant to our Topic **'Saving the World'** as well as researching our focus figure, **'AI Gore'**.

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.

## Mandarin

Year 4 will be learning to talk about shopping and spending Chinese currency. Pupils will apply new vocabulary to their existing knowledge to make dialogue relevant to a shopping experience.

Pupils will describe where and when they made their purchase as well as what they bought and how much it cost. Pupils will expand on their understanding of Chinese culture through exploration of modern Chinese lifestyle. Pupils will also learn about famous Chinese landmarks and tourist cities.



## Topic: 'Saving the World'

**Focus Figure:** AI Gore

**Focus Text:** 'What's the Point of Being Green?'  
by Jacqui Bailey

As part of the Topic Curriculum there will be opportunities for children to use the STEAM Engine.

Rainforests once covered 20% of our world's surface. Now they cover only 5%. We will learn about where rainforests are in the world and which rainforest products we use in our everyday lives. We will learn about the lives of rainforest people and how they compare with our own. We will research how and why the rainforest is being destroyed and the ways that people are trying to save the rainforest. We will also be learning about rainforest body art and painting portraits in a similar style.



## 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 **Rhythmic Gymnastics**.

Year 4 will be developing the skills and control required to perform rhythmic gymnastics sequences. Pupils will use hand apparatus while performing a range of rhythmic movements. There will be specific focus on using a hoop. Pupils will create short performances while ensuring that they are in time with their partners and the music.

**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.**