

## Computing

Our unit is '**We are Animators**'. The children will be creating their own animated cartoon, using characters they create themselves. Earlier graphics work will be reinforced as children use a simple paint tool to create characters and backgrounds. They will then translate a storyboard idea for their animation into a series of scripted instructions for graphic objects on the computer. They will be using the Scratch and Microsoft PowerPoint Software during this unit of work. The children will be taught 'e-safety' to enable them to be safe internet users in school and at home.

## Religious Education

We will be learning about Buddhism. In this unit children will learn about The Buddha's life, enlightenment, teaching and death, and how the Buddha changed people's lives. They will explore beliefs about life and death by finding out more about Buddhist beliefs about reincarnation. The children will also be researching the work of 'The Save The Children Fund' an organisation that is making significant contribution towards improving the lives of others. They will also find out about the images that other faith communities use to help and inspire them.

## Reading

Read with your child every day for 10 to 15 minutes. This will help them develop a word bank which they can use in their school work.

Reading is very important and aids your child's knowledge of punctuation, sentence structure and story structure. Your child will learn more effectively if they read more at home.

## Spelling & Homework

Homework will be sent out during the first week of each half term. Please support your children in completing at least 2 activities from each section. Spellings will be given on a Friday and children will be tested the following Friday.

If you have the internet at home, your child has a unique username and password that they can use to access Mathletics, an online programme subscribed to by the school, to help our children to improve and reinforce their maths skills.

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## English

Our main text is '**Tales of Wisdom and 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? And how do fishes find themselves swimming in the grass of a forest? Nothing is quite as it seems in this book.*

The children will also be reading a variety of other texts for pleasure and to enhance their reading comprehension skills. They will be writing in different styles and learning how to check and edit their work. There will be a strong focus on handwriting, vocabulary, grammar and spelling.

At The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, we strive to ensure our children are prepared for the world in which they will grow up to live in.

We teach our children:

Responsibility  
Initiative  
Curiosity  
Optimism

Independence  
Generosity  
Perseverance  
Social Intelligence

## Mathematics

The children will be learning how to calculate and measure different shapes. They will draw and complete shapes with reflective symmetry and draw the reflection of a shape in a mirror line along one side. They will be reading and recording the vocabulary of position, direction and movement, using the four compass directions to describe movement about a grid. The children will be using written methods to record, support or explain addition and subtraction of two-digit and three-digit numbers. They will use practical and informal written methods to support multiplication and division of two-digit numbers (e.g.  $13 \times 3$ ,  $30 \div 4$ ); and finding unit fractions of numbers and quantities,

e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{6}$  of 12 litres.

They will also be rehearsing multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times-tables and the corresponding division facts.

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## IPC

We will be following a unit of work on a theme entitled 'Gateways to the World (Airports)'. Everyday millions of people take to the skies, making journeys in airplanes. Air travel helps to connect people around the world. The children will be finding out about places we can travel to and from our local airport and the jobs that people do in an airport. They will be finding out about different airline logos and designs and create our own airline logo, airline tickets and check-in database.

## Physical Education

Our topic is 'Invasion Games'. Children will develop skills in throwing and catching with control to keep possession of the ball and score 'goals'. They will be made aware of space and how to use it to support team-mates and cause problems for the opposition. They will know and use rules fairly to keep games going; and keep possession with some success when using equipment that is not used for throwing and catching skills. They will also explain why it is important to warm up and cool down.