

## Computing

Our topic is called 'We are historians'. This unit allows children to do some historical research, looking at census data for their area. They then bring things up to date with a modern census-style database of their classmates. Finally, they compare and contrast the two sets of data and present some of their findings in a report.

## Religious Education

The children will be focussing on the second unit about Judaism. They will be looking at celebrations in the Jewish homes.

The children will be discussing the festivals of Sukkot and Hannukah. They will learn that a synagogue is a Jewish place of worship and that the Torah – the Jewish Holy Book, is kept in a special cupboard called an Ark.

## Reading

We recommend that you read with your child every day for 15 to 20 minutes. This will help them to 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 and Homework

Homework is now in 'Passport Format'. The homework tasks are in project style which will allow your child to choose how he/she wants to present his/her work, based on a given topic.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and children will have to find out the meaning of each word as well as learn the spelling for the following Friday.

Your child will be given a unique username and password to practice his/her maths skills using our online programme 'Mathletics'.

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## Curriculum Information

Autumn (2)  
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# Year 4

## English

Our main text is 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White. When a young farm girl finds out that her dad is about to kill the runt from the newest litter of pigs, she rushes to the aid of the helpless animal. Her dad sees that she is genuinely concerned about the pig and so he gives her as a pet. This is the start of a long lasting friendship between Fern and Wilber.

The children will be focusing on developing their writing skills by looking at different genres. These genres will include traditional tales and recounts through newspaper reports and diary extracts.

There will be a strong focus on reading comprehension, handwriting, vocabulary, grammar and spelling.

*At Devonshire Hill, 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 focusing on improving mental maths skills and times table knowledge. The children will be ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000. They will use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000.

The children will be learning to recognise the equivalence between decimal and fraction forms of one half, quarters, tenths and hundredths and use diagrams to identify equivalent fractions. They will interpret mixed numbers and position them on a number line and identify pairs of fractions that total 1. They will learn to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks and recognise lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes orientations.



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## IPC

Our IPC topic for the next 6 weeks is 'Land, Sea and Sky (Habitats)'. The Earth is full of life. Over 1.7 million species of living things inhabit our mountains, deserts, forests, caves, lakes, rivers and oceans. Plants and animals can adapt to living almost anywhere on Earth. In this unit children will learn about how plants and animals adapt to their environments.

## Physical Education

The children will be developing their skills in Gymnastics. They will be able to demonstrate the range of actions, body shapes and balances they include in a performance. They will be performing balances and counter balances with control. Children will also be incorporating their floor work onto a range of apparatus. Your child's PE is on a Friday. Please ensure that your child brings his/her P.E kit to school on that day.