

## Computing

Our unit is 'We are musicians'. In this unit children will use the computer to create and refine, through editing, a piece of backing music to accompany work in another medium. This music will then be played alongside the work for which it was created as part of a performance or presentation.

## Religious Education

We will be learning about Islam. The children will learn that Muslim people have five duties which are called the Five Pillars of Islam and as every Muslim tries to carry out these five things they feel that they are members of the worldwide Muslim community. These Five Pillars are: belief in Allah and belief in Prophet Muhammad as the final Messenger; prayer to Allah by 5 daily salat; giving charity and doing charitable work; visiting Makkah for Hajj; and fasting. They will also be comparing Shahadah with other statements of belief.

## 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 & 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.

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 **'The Village that Vanished'** by Ann Grifalconi. *Young Abikanile and all of the villagers of Yao feel safe hidden deep within the African jungle. But word has come that the slavers are on their way. Because all the men are away, 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.*

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 solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as n objects are connected to m objects.

They 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. The children will estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence.

Strong emphasis will be placed on improving children's reasoning skills, mental arithmetic skills and times-tables knowledge. The children will also be learning Roman Numerals up to 100.

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## IPC

The children 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 with other people if we hope to become valuable contributors to the communities that we are a part of. In Geography they will be finding out how our school meets the needs of the community and about the buildings and services in our local area. In Art they will be making a community sculpture for the school, and in ICT they will be making own animation about the 'netiquette' needed for online digital communities.

## Physical Education

In our unit on 'Invasion Games' the children will be focussing on playing effectively with speed and precision, as members of both small and larger teams. On the pitch they will decide quickly where and when to pass the ball, showing good awareness of what is going on around them and vary tactics and adapt skills in response to the situation they face in a game. They will play a wide range of games and use a variety of skills and equipment.