

CEDAR CLASS NEWS



Term 2

Cedar Class Newsletter

This letter outlines some of the main events for this half-term, messages and reminders of weekly routines relevant to the Cedar Class.

Our Class

Class Teacher: Miss Smart
Support staff: Mrs West, Mrs Cox

Provisional Dates for this Term

Monday 27th October- Inset day
Thursday 30th October- Halloween disco
Monday 10th November- Odd socks day
Friday 14th November- Children in need non-uniform day
Friday 12th December- Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 16th November- KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 17th December- Christmas dinner
Thursday 18th December- Christmas parties
Friday 19th December- Last day of term

PE

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit into school on a Thursday.

Long hair should always be tied back and ALL jewellery removed for PE lessons.

PE Kit:

Plimsolls
Black Shorts
White T-Shirt
Tracksuit Bottoms
Trainers

Outdoor learning

Please send in a pair of named welly boots for your child to keep in school. These will be used during outdoor learning sessions and during lunch and break times when it has been raining.

Our Day

- Morning Session: 8.50 am - 12.00 pm
 - Afternoon Session: 1.00 pm - 3.10 pm
- Morning break is at 10.00 to 10.15. The children will receive a healthy fruit snack supplied by the school.

Reading Packs and Homework

This Friday reading packs and homework will be sent home. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday so that it can be marked. Please ensure that your child has a quiet, calm place to complete their homework, and that an adult supports them. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. Please make sure that your child has their reading pack in school on these days. If you are able to, please read with your child every night and write a comment in their home reading record book.

How to help your child at home

Please listen to your child read every night and record it in your child's reading record. Please practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and their number bonds to 10. Please also read the knowledge organisers sent home for Science, RE, History and Geography with your child, as they contain key vocabulary for the upcoming topic.

English: This term we will be focusing on the text 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will begin by looking at the features of a character and setting description and have a go at writing our own. We will then continue with this story and look at writing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character. In addition to the key text, we will have weekly SPAG lessons, where we will be focusing on verbs, past and present tense and conjunctions. We will also take part in a 15-minute reading/fluency session 4 times a week, to further improve our reading skills.

Maths: This term, we will be continuing with our unit on addition and subtraction. We will continue learning how to add a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number and subtract a 1-digit from a 2-digit number, including crossing the tens barrier. We will also learn how to compare number sentences and solve missing number problems. We will then move onto our shape unit, where we will recognise, sort and draw 2D and 3D shapes; as well as looking at sides, faces, edges, vertices and lines of symmetry.

Science: This term we will continue our learning on 'Animals Including Humans'. We will be focusing on exercise and why it is important, healthy diets, why we need to have good hygiene and how we feel when we are ill.

Geography: This term we will be learning about our local area. We will focus on Folkestone being a coastal town, an urban settlement and the fact that it is in the county of Kent. We will also be looking at what the weather is like in Folkestone during summer and winter. Alongside this, we will also study aerial photographs of the local area and our school.

PSHE: This term, we will be focusing on 'celebrating difference'. We will look at stereotypes, why bullying happens, how to stand up for ourselves and others, diversity and celebrating difference and still being friends.

Computing: This term, we will be focusing on effective searching and computer science awareness using purple mash, as well as recapping our previous learning on how to stay safe online. We will also be completing an 'hour of code' during week 7 of term.

Art: This term we will be focusing on drawing self-portraits. We will begin by studying and evaluating different artists and their self-portraits. We will then look at how we can use lines, shapes, tone and shading to create our own self-portrait drawings.

RE: In RE this term, our big question is: who is a Jewish person and what do they believe in? We will focus on the idea that Jewish people believe in one God and the importance of 'Shabbat'; alongside looking at objects and artefacts found in a Jewish person's home. We will also read and re-tell the story of Hanukkah and the Jewish creation story.

Music: This term we will be focusing on choral singing, melody, intonation and performance. This will be carried out through rehearsing and performing the EYFS and KS1 nativity.

Thank you for your continued support!