Cedar Class Newsletter

STAFF

Welcome to Cedar Class!

Class teacher: Miss Smart

Class TAs: Mrs Balfour and Mrs Potter

We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year!

PE KIT

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 includes plimsolls, black shorts, white t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

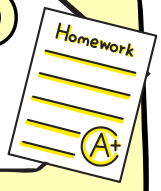
Please send in a pair of named welly boots for your child to keep in school. These will be used during outdoor learning sessions.
Your child will also need to wear a long sleeved top and have a long pair of trousers ready for outdoor learing.

DRINKS AND SNACKS



A piece of fruit will be provided by school for your child at snack time everyday.
Please provide your child with a water bottle everyday.

READING AND HOMEWORK



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 every day so that adults at school can also read with them during the week.
If you are able to, please read with your child every night and write a comment in their home reading record book. If not every night, at least 4 times a week.

TIMES OF THE DAY

Morning session: 8.50am-11.55pm
Afternoon session: 12.55pm-3.10pm
Break time: 10.00am-10.15am

CONTACT ME

Our class email address is as follows: cedar@harcourt.kent.sch.uk
Please use this to get in touch. I will aim to check the inbox at least once a day.

LEARNING

English: This term we will be focusing on the text 'The Egg' by M.P Robertson, where we will create our own character descriptions. We will also be reading and writing instructions on how to catch a dragon. Alongside our key texts, we will have weekly SPAG and spelling lessons. This term we will be focusing on punctuation, conjunctions, nouns, adjectives and expanded noun phrases. We will also take part in a 15-minute phonics/reading fluency session, four times a week, to further improve our reading skills. Additionally, will be looking at performance poetry with a specific focus around the Harvest Festival.

Maths: This term, we will be looking at place value, counting forwards and backwards, representing numbers and comparing and ordering numbers within 20, 50 and 100. We will be counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and using fact families and number bonds to help us add and subtract. We will learn 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.

Science: This term we will be looking at 'Animals Including Humans'. We will be learning about what humans need for survival, what offspring are, how animals and humans change as they grow into adults, animal and human life cycles, exercise, diet and hygiene.

History: This term we will be learning about castles. We will learn about the features of a castle and why castles were built. We will look at castles in the local area and understand why they were built in these locations. We will also look at people who lived and worked in castles and compare what life was like in a castle, compared to life today. We will also be going on a trip to Dover Castle to explore a castle in real life!

PSHE: This term, we will be focusing on 'being me in my world'. We will look at our hopes and fears for the year, rights and responsibilities, rewards and consequences and our learning charter.

Computing: This term we are focusing on our confidence and independence in using purple mash by practicing logging on, creating our avatars, completing set work and saving our work into the correct area.

DT: This term we will be doing cooking and nutrition. We will look at what makes a balanced diet and what the main five food groups are. We will learn simple skills such as cutting, grating, snipping and spreading. We will also taste test different ingredients and plan, and make our own healthy wrap to try and evaluate.

RE: In RE we will be learning about Islam, including Muslim beliefs about God, who Muhammed is and why he is important to Muslims. We will also be learning about how Muslims celebrate Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr and learn about objects that are important in the Islamic faith.

Music: This term we are focusing on beat, rhythm, melody, echo, call-and-response, tuned and untuned. We will be learning a new song, focusing on the melody and the actions. We will then improvise our own rhythms to the backing track.
we will also be learning songs to sing at our Harvest Festival assembly in October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3rd September 2026	Children back to school (Years 1-6)
Monday 7th September 2026	EYFS children in half days
Wednesday 9th September 2026	EYFS children in full time
Thursday 10th September 2026	Kent Test Year 6 children
Tuesday 15th September 2026 3.15-3.45pm	Meet the Teacher in classrooms
Monday 28th September 2026 9am	Phonics workshop to parents
Friday 9th October 2026	Wear something yellow for Young Minds
Friday 9th October 2026	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 13th October 2026	School Photographer
Friday 16th October 2026	Re-start a heart - bring a teddy to school
Friday 16th October 2026 2.30pm	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 20th October 2026 3.30-6pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 22nd October 2026 3.30-6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 23rd October 2026	Last Day of Term

TERM DATES 2026-27

Term 1	
Tuesday 1st September 2026	Staff Development Day One
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Staff Development Day Two
Thursday 3rd September 2026	First Day of Term – Year One to Six
Monday 7th September 2026	First Day of Term – Reception Class
Friday 23rd October 2026	Last Day of Term One

Term 2	
Monday 2nd November 2026	First Day of Term Two
Friday 18th December 2026	Last Day of Term Two

Term 3	
Monday 4th January 2027	First Day of Term Three
Thursday 11th February 2027	Last Day of Term Three
Friday 12th February 2027	Staff Development Day Three

Term 4	
Monday 22nd February 2027	First Day of Term Four
Friday 25th March 2027	Last Day of Term Four

Term 5	
Monday 12th April 2027	First Day of Term Five
Monday 3rd May 2027	School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 27th May 2027	Last Day of Term
Friday 28th May 2027	Staff Development Day Four

Term 6	
Monday 7th June 2027	Staff Development Day Five
Tuesday 8th June 2027	First Day of Term Six
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Last Day of School Year



