

Autumn 1 in Cedar Class



Dear Parents / Carers,
Our topic this half term is 'The Hummingbird'. Here are a few details about what we will be learning about in various subject areas:

Literacy:

During this half term, we will be using a text called 'Hummingbird' by Nicola Davies.

The story tells us different facts about hummingbirds through a narrative. In response to this book, we will be writing non-chronological reports about ruby-throated hummingbirds. We will also be exploring descriptive writing, and picture books.

Within SPaG, we will be learning about the importance of correctly using capital letters and full stops, using nouns, conjunctions and the past and present tense.

In reading we will be looking at a range of texts focusing on the skill of retrieval.

Mathematics:

Here are some of the key areas that we will be covering over the next few weeks:

Year 2

Recognising, comparing, representing, writing and reading numbers up to 100.

Representing tens and ones in part whole models and on place value grids.

Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.

Year 3

Recognising, comparing, ordering, representing, writing and reading numbers up to 1,000.

Representing hundreds, tens and ones in part whole models and on place value grids.

Adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers.

History / Geography:

This term the children will be learning about Central and North America.

During this unit, children will:

- Use mapping skills to locate countries in North America.
- Investigate animals that live in North America.
- Research the climate of North America.

Science:

This term the children will be learning about animals, skeletons and muscle systems. In particular we will be:

- Identifying animals and their skeletons.
- Investigating vertebrates, invertebrates and exo-skeletons.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out about Central and North American culture.• Compare London and New York. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying the main functions of a skeleton.• Predicting and investigating which muscles are used for which physical activity.• Investigating if people with longer legs can jump further. |
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To help your children with their learning, you can do the following:

- Make sure they read daily. Try to engage with them about the book they are reading by asking them a few questions about what is happening, what they think might happen next and which character is their favourite and why. Read with them or to them when you can, this is still very beneficial even for older children.
- Make sure they practise their times tables as much as possible. Children in Year 2 should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and children in Year 3 should know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of the year.
- Make sure children practise their spellings in preparation for a weekly test on Fridays. Spellings will be sent home weekly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Archer