Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2023

Mathematics

In mathematics, we will be working on place value and consolidating the children's prior knowledge. We will begin exploring place value **within 10**, practising counting forwards and backwards, ordering numbers, finding one more and one less. After this, we will focus on adding and subtracting numbers, using practical resources such as tens frames and part-whole models, and group work. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, sorting them and finding patterns.

Year 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you've had a lovely, relaxing summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. This term's topic is 'Where I Live', focusing on the local area. We are looking forward to getting to know everyone! **Mrs Scarlett, Mrs Jones, Mrs Begum and the Year 1 Team.**

Help from Home

Please read with your child daily (little and often works best!) and record any reading that you do together in their reading diaries.
Please also practise spellings (Spelling Shed).
Spellings and phonics parents help sheets can be found on Google Classroom.

Science

The focus in the Autumn Term is... <u>Seasonal Changes and Animals</u> <u>Including Humans</u> We will be exploring how and why leaves change in the Autumn and looking at the different animal groups.

This term, we will be going on an adventure around the Cedars estate. We will be looking at human and physical features and trying to navigate using a map. Please ensure you have updated the School Visit Permission on Arbor to consent to the trip. Further information will follow.

English

Reading will take place every day in school during our 'Daily Supported Reading' sessions. During these times, your child will be heard 1:1 by an adult and over the course of the week they will read and discuss two books from the DSR scheme in school.

Our writing this half term will link with our topic, 'Where I Live'. We will begin by writing labels, lists and captions and move onto writing instructions and explanation texts based on the seasons.

Phonics

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Children will have opportunities to read and write during our Phonics lessons.

They will continue their adventure with Kit and Sam!

Useful Information

- **Healthy snacks** can be provided for morning play in a lunchbox or book-bag, however KS1 children are entitled to a snack (fresh fruit or vegetables) provided by school.
- **Spellings** will be set every Monday (on Spelling Shed and Google Classroom) and spelling tests will take place every Monday.
- PE: Monday and Thursday. Your child needs to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.
- **Phonics:** Every week, the parent help sheet will be uploaded onto Google Classroom so you can support children at home with their Phonics.
- **Google Classroom** please accept the invitation to the Year 1 Classroom which you will find in your child's email inbox.

Contact us on year1@cedarspark.net