##  **Cedar Class- Autumn 2020- Around the World in 80 Days**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to be back at school, I hope you are all well and have had a lovely summer. Our topic this term is ‘Around the World in 80 days’. Below is a topic grid, outlining what we will be covering in each subject. In cedar class, each term I will provide a homework grid, which has optional activities on for your child to complete. It would be great if your child could use times tables roxstars and spelling shed regularly, as well as read daily. Our PE days will be Wednesday and Friday, please could you make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days. If your child wears wellies when they walk to school, there is space outside our classroom for your child to keep them. If you are happy for your child to independently walk to the pub at the end of the day, please let me know via seesaw.

Geography

Our focus this term is travelling around the world in 80 days, this will form the theme to all other lessons. We will travel around each continent and spend two weeks learning about that continent and the countries within it. The children will be learning: how to use maps; google maps/google earth; identifying land uses; identifying human and physical features and discussing the impact of humans. This will include learning about volcanoes and earthquakes, the children will also be comparing different countries and their features. The children will also be learning about the different explorers who have enabled us to know as much about the world as we do.

English

In English we will study the continent of Antarctica. We will use the text ‘Shackleton’s Journey’. We will then create biographies, diary entries, reports, explanation texts and instruction writing. Towards the end of term, we will use all of our learning to create our own explorer stories.

Maths

The children will cover the following topics this term.

Place value

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division

They will learn and develop these concepts through practical and written activities. The children will also develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

PSHE

This term we will be covering topical issues. We will discuss current events and how they might have an impact on our lives. Our class will be reading the book, A journey to Freedom - Harriet Tubman. This book will help us explore the ‘black lives matter’ movement. Towards the end of the term, we will be covering our relationship education unit that we didn’t cover last year.

French

We will be covering the theme ‘our school’ in French lessons this term.

Music

We will be learning the song ‘Don’t Stop Believin’. We will also be covering Harvest and Christmas songs.

PE

We will be learning dance, tag rugby and Badminton this term. A sports coach will continue to teach the children once a week on a Wednesday.

RE

In RE we will be covering the topics, Life is a Journey, Justice and equality and Christmas.

DT

We will be cooking different foods from around the world. The children will also be creating their own recipes. We will also be creating our own globes.

Computing

We will be looking at website design and creating our own websites based on Shackleton. We will also be learning about how the internet works. Towards the end of term, we will be learning about data handling.

Art

We will be creating our own aboriginal art. We will also be studying the artist Albert Namatjira.

Science

We will be covering the topic of light this term. The children will look at reflection, shadows and looking at how reflection and shadows can change.

You should have already received an email inviting you to our new Cedar Class seesaw log in for this year, if you have not been able to access the new class page, please let me know.

At the end of this academic year, Cedar class will be visiting Dalesdown for their residential trip, details regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.

Our three week in meeting will be recorded and uploaded to seesaw the week commencing 21st September. If you have any questions, then please don’t hesitate to message through seesaw.

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