Cedar Park School & Nursery

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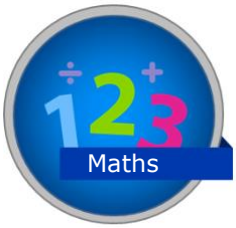
Year 1 Curriculum News

SUMMER TERM 2026



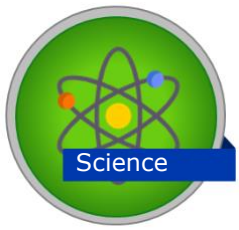
English

The first half term's book is **The secret of Black Rock** where we will look at writing a story and postcards. The second half term is based on **The Last Wolf**, where we will look at a story and recipes. Phonics lessons will take place daily in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check in June and the children will take part in guided reading sessions. In writing, we will continue to encourage the children to use their phonics to spell words, and to use a word mat to learn the spellings of tricky words. We will focus on correct punctuation (capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks) when joining sentences to form longer pieces of writing. We always encourage the children to reread and edit their writing.



Maths

Multiplication and division- We will be solving problems using objects, pictures, and arrays. We will use the words 'sharing' and 'grouping' when discussing multiplication and division.
Fractions- The children will be learning to find a half and a quarter of an object, shape, and quantity.
Position and direction- We will be describing position, directions, and movements, including half, quarter and three-quarter turns.
Place value- The children will continue to develop their understanding of place value. We will practise reading and writing numbers to 100 and partitioning numbers into tens and ones.
Measurement- The children will explore money and learn to recognise and know the value of coins and notes. The children will also be learning to tell the time to 'o'clock' and 'half past'.



Science

Plants- The children will learn about plants and will focus on identifying different parts of a plant. They will look at wildflowers, plants and trees.
Everyday materials- We will be identifying and naming a range of materials and discussing the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. The children will be describing and comparing materials based on their physical properties and deciding which material is suitable for specific purposes.



Topic

First Half term
Geography – The World. The children will identify the continents and use atlases.
Music – Bossa Nova Round and round
Computing – Digital writing- exploring a keyboard to create and manipulate text.
Second Half term
Art Sculpture and drawing – Playful making- exploring sculpture and materials and making models
Computing –Introduction to programming – an introduction to the early stages of program design
RE – Judaism – Who is God to the Jews?



Additional Information

PE is on Thursday and Fridays. Swimming will be on a Thursday morning. There will be football training from a coach for 3 weeks in Friday's PE in the second half term. We visit the library on Thursdays. Please return library books on a Wednesday. Reading books will be sent home on a Friday with your child's reading record, which are due back on the following Wednesday. There is trip to the Bucks Railway Museum in June and the Phonics Screening Check will take place in June. We have a student teacher with us for most of the term. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.