Cedar Park School & Nursery

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Year 1 Curriculum News

AUTUMN TERM 2025 -2026



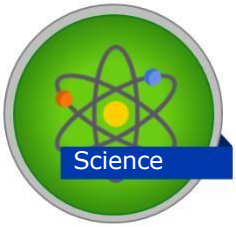
English

The first half term will be based on a book called Paper Planes and we will be writing our own friendship story and recount messages. The second half term will be based on Rapunzel and will focus on writing traditional tale narratives and instructions. We will be focusing on forming sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will concentrate on segmenting words into sounds in order to spell them and learning the correct spelling of common exception words. We will be encouraging the children to use the structure of think it, say it, write it and check it to write sentences. Phonics lessons take place daily using Supersonic Phonic Friends.



Maths

The first term is all about numbers to 10. We will sort objects, count objects and represent numbers using numerals to 10. We will count on and back from any number within 10 and think about 1 more and 1 less than a number to 10. We will compare numbers of objects in groups including using terms such as fewer / greater. This term will include addition and subtraction of numbers within 10. We will use number lines, tens frames and part, part whole models to represent numbers as well as working with concrete manipulatives. Towards the end of the term, we will focus on recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes and making patterns with them.



Science

My body- Children will be learning about body parts and which parts of our body we use for different activities. We will also focus on the five senses and what they are used for.

Seasonal changes- Children will be observing changes that happen across the seasons, learn how animals and humans adapt to different seasons and learn that day length varies throughout the year.



Topic

Half term 1 -Geography – The children will explore "Our School". They will begin to use maps and observations to find out about their local area.

Half term 1 Music – The children will appraise and learn a song called 'Hey You!' along with learning songs for celebrations such as Harvest and Christmas.

Half term 2 History – The children will investigate the similarities and differences between their own lives and those of their grandparents when they were their age.

Half term 2 Art – There will be a focus on mark making and spirals and using different drawing media.

Computing – A focus is on mouse and keyboard skills and introduction to e-safety.



Additional Information

PE is normally on Wednesdays and Fridays. We visit the library on Tuesdays. Please return library books on a Monday. Reading books and reading records will be sent home on a Friday and are due back in school on the following Wednesday. Please send in a named water bottle for classroom use in addition to the lunchtime drink. If you wish you may also send in a healthy snack for morning break that is clearly named. A piece of fruit or vegetables will be provided for afternoon break. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.