



Summer 2 2017- This half term, Cedar Class will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p>This term, we will be continuing to read <i>The Lion and the Unicorn</i> by Shirley Hughes. We will be focusing on inferring the thoughts and feelings of different characters in role, before writing and publishing our own versions of the story, writing from a different point of view.</p> <p>We will then move on to focus on <i>The Tempest</i> by William Shakespeare. We will write character profiles of the key characters and practise performing plays with expression. We will also create non-chronological reports on the life of William Shakespeare and why his plays were important.</p>
Spelling	<p>This term, children will continue to be taught spelling in small groups. Spellings will be sent home on Mondays and tested the following week. Spellings will be sent on paper instead of being glued into homework books. We will continue to focus on the Year Three spelling rules and patterns from the National Curriculum.</p>
Reading Records	<p>The children can choose books from the book corner to take home at any time. There is also an opportunity to choose a book from the school library once per week. They will also visit Nunhead Library once this term, where they will select a free choice book to be kept in school. Please read and discuss the book with your child and record this in the reading record. Your child is also expected to comment on the independent reading they do by writing in their record. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record in school every day.</p>
Reading Passports	<p>In order to promote reading, we will be continuing with the Reading Passport initiative this term. When your child has read a whole book, they can record the title and author of the book in their reading passport and inform the class teacher. The class teacher will tick the reading passport. It is expected that each child will read 10 books in a half term. When they have achieved this, they will receive a certificate and be entered into a competition to win a book token and a visit to a local bookshop.</p>
Maths	<p>This term, Cedar will consolidate the formal methods of calculation we have learnt this year. We will be introduced to the formal method of multiplication and practise using the formal "bus stop" method of division. We will also consolidate our knowledge of adding and subtracting using the formal method, as well as developing our mental methods such as estimating and checking using the inverse. We will also work on deciding whether the formal or mental method is the most efficient way of solving a problem, and will solve word problems related to addition and subtraction. We will continue to practise the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables <i>as well as related division facts</i>. It is essential that your child practises these times tables at home, as well as practising quick recall of pairs of numbers which make 10, 20 and 100.</p>
Science	<p>This half term, we will be continuing to focus on Light, particularly on how light from the sun can be dangerous and how to protect our eyes. We will also be setting up fair tests and observing over time to monitor how the size and position of shadows changes throughout the day. We will be concentrating on recording our findings as diagrams and in tables and bar charts.</p>
Computing	<p>Our ICT this term will be delivered by a specialist teacher. We will be focusing on using iPad apps to create content such as eBooks and iMovies related to our IPC topic.</p>
IPC	<p>This term our topic will be 'Active Planet'. Children will be learning about the structure of the Earth's crust and how tectonic plates create earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. We will also be finding out about what is inside a volcano and why it erupts. We will make our own earthquake-proof buildings and volcano eruptions, as well as discussing the pros and cons of living in a volcanic region, comparing living conditions there with our own.</p>
Modern Languages	<p>Spanish will continue to be taught by our specialist teacher. The children will be focusing on asking and answering basic questions and giving some simple information about themselves in Spanish.</p>
Art	<p>We will be developing our knowledge of printing techniques in the style of Hokusai, a Japanese woodcut artist.</p>
P.E.	<p>Cedar will be swimming this term. Swimming lessons will take place on a Tuesday morning. It is essential that your child brings their swimming kit with them on this day.</p>

Music	Cedar Class will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher every Thursday.
R.E.	Our topic this term will be Sikhism.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be 'Relationships'.
Key dates	Nunhead Library visit- TBC Parent helpers appreciated as always! Trip to the South London Gurdwara- 15/06/17 Visit to the Dulwich Picture House to see <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> - 17/07/17 Reports collection date- 10/07/17
Homework	Will be given on a Friday to be returned by the following Tuesday. New spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the Cedar Class team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

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