

Cedar Weekly Newsletter



Friday 28th January 2022

Home Learning

Please read at home with your child this week. When you read with your child, **please remember to record the name of the book and the date in your child's reading record.**

Please find your home learning task for this week on Google Classroom.

Attendance

Attendance this week in Cedar class was 96.60%.
Let us see if we can get a higher % next week!

Attendance is so important to us at Dunsford Community Academy and we really value and appreciate your support with this. Please ensure that your child attends school every day. Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost. We are aiming for 100% attendance in Cedar class every week and we know that we can do this!

If your child is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, then please contact the office before bringing them into school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Important Dates

Books for National Storytelling Week
- Monday
PE - Tuesday and Friday
Forest School - Wednesday
NSPCC Number day - Friday
Reading records in - Friday
Homework due - Friday

Dear Parents

We have had a lovely week together in Cedar class continuing our learning. Our lessons have consisted of different discussion based activities where the children have had the opportunity to talk to their partner, in a small group and as a class. The children have really enjoyed looking back in our scrapbooks at our discussions!

In Phonics, the children have continued to learn a new sound each day. They are really good sound detectives as a result! In Whole Class Reading the children have continued to use their inferencing skills. In my Whole Class Reading group, we packed a rucksack of items for one of the characters, explaining why we chose the items using our inferencing skills. In Writing we have completed our first letter using our sentence stacking and the children have started to plan their next letter which they will complete as an independent write. In Maths I have introduced the Year 2 children to the multiplication symbol and they have been making connections between the multiplication symbol and the addition symbol. The Year 3/4 children have been applying their understanding of multiplication to multiply by 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8! I am really proud of their mathematical thinking, especially when using a bar model.

Across the wider curriculum, the children enjoyed focusing on the land use over time in Dunsford with a final focus on St Mary's Church. I wonder if they can discuss this with you? If you have any personal stories of the impact St Mary's Church has had on you as a part of the community, it would be wonderful if you could share this with your child to allow them to share it with us in our lesson next week.

Next week is National Storytelling Week. I would like to invite the children to bring in their favourite story on Monday. We will keep the story at school all week and the children will be invited to listen to, or personally share, parts of their favourite story across the week! I can't wait to hear all of the stories being shared across the school.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend together as a family. See you next week.

Miss Holt





Star of the Week - This week our star of the week is Penelope. Penelope is our star of the week for her presentation of her learning. It is always a pleasure to take a look at the learning Penelope has completed, to see her understanding develop and the care she takes over her work as she completes it. Well done Penelope.

Kindness Award - This week our kindness award is going to Henry H. Henry is a very kind, considerate member of our school family who is always polite to his friends and adults at school. Henry offers to hold the doors open around school, he tucks the chairs in and he always remembers to use his manners. Thank you Henry!

Number Work Champion - Tabitha is our number work champion this week for always listening carefully to her next steps in her learning which has resulted in her improving her times tables. She is working really hard to remember them all. Well done Tabitha, this is really helping you in our maths lessons!

Reading Champion - Arthur M is our reading champion this week for sharing his enthusiasm for reading by always having a book nearby. Well done Arthur!