



Cedar Newsletter

Autumn 2 Term 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Children in Need -
17th November

Christmas Light Walk—
7th December

Cromer Church Carol Service—
18th December

Christmas Dinner Day—
19th December

General Class News:

What a great start to the year! It has been wonderful to hear from their subject teachers just how hard the children are working and how kind they are to each other. We are so pleased with all the house points they are achieving and Cedar have also a great attendance record. Keep it up, Cedar!

This half term is always a busy one, with trips and school events. The Christmas Light Walk is a very special occasion with lots of lovely things to buy and the Cromer Carol Service is a highlight of the year.

As always, if you have any concerns, please contact me at cgilman@sidestrandhall.net and either myself, Matt Chadwick or Sheena Waters will get back to you as soon as we can.

Maths

This half term, children with Mr Evans are developing their understanding and application of 2D shapes, number operations and will be completing Puma tests near the end of the year.

Children with Mr Hamilton will continue looking at Place value, representing numbers up to 10000. Comparing, ordering, estimation and rounding. They will then move onto Addition and Subtraction working up to 4 digits. The final topic is Multiplication and Division; in particular, pupils will look at the 3, 6 and 9 times table and understand what a multiple is.

English

We have had great fun writing our own World's Worst Children stories. This coming term, we shall use the characters as inspiration to write a formal letter and a news report. Students will develop their comprehension skills through guided reading in preparation for exam reading tests. We improve our speech and language skills through role play and drama which is always enormous fun! We are improving our SPaG (spelling, grammar and punctuation) skills, with the children following small group or individual programmes. Please find some website games and activities on SPaG for children to continue practising at home.

Past versus present verbs revision <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39/articles/znn6pbk>

Adjectives <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39/articles/zi33rwx>
<https://www.arcademics.com/games/coconuts> different levels of vowel and long vowel practice - marvellous for spelling

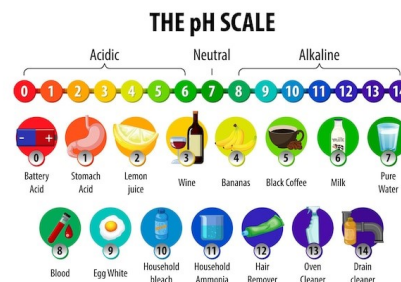
Noun revision <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39/articles/znddqhv>

RSHE Theme - Self-Care, Support and Safety.

Feeling Unwell, Feeling frightened/worried, Accidents & Risk and Emergency situations. Identify some things we can do to take care of our physical well being and our mental wellbeing, know how to talk about health and know when and how to ask for help. Know simple hygiene routines and understand why it is important to reduce the spread of germs.

Science

Cedar are continuing with the chemistry units, working on the reaction between acids and metals. They will learn through theory and practical experiments in the lab.



PE

During this half term lessons will be moving into the gym where students will learn the basic skills of Basketball. We will be looking at dribbling, passing and shooting techniques. We will then look to put all these skills together and play full court games following the rules. The other PE activity students will also receive will be Circuit training and Boxing.



Thursday Art and Textiles

We have made a great start to our coursework with our pop art theme. We had a visit from The Rookery and we also went to Houghton Hall to see the huge art installations. Next term, we will be finishing our pop art t-shirts, work on our 'sweet treats' embellished pictures, learn how to print lino-cuts, grid drawing and complete a huge sensory wall mural inspired by David Hockney! We are also looking forward to a felting workshop and a weaving workshop from local crafts people.

Sports Leaders

During this half term Sports Leaders will continue their work on the 'I Can Lead Award' looking at jobs in sports and starting to practise their coaching to one another and younger students.

Any other useful information

Just before Christmas, I (Mrs Gilman) will send out some of Cedar's English work (their stories, letters, etc) for parents and carers can share in their children's achievements.

I will also send out some copies of Pop Art work, or photos of textiles for students' parents and carers to have a look at, as we can't send the real coursework home. I really don't want you to miss out on all their lovely creations!

