



Cedar Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Number Day -
2nd February
Safer Internet Day -
7th February
World Book Day -
7th March



General Class News:

We had a wonderful end to the year, with the fair, the Carol Concert and other Christmas activities. Cedar had three winners for the Christmas card competition which were even sold at the fair! Some of our Cedar children are enjoying the walks with the National Trust rangers — the December one was at Sheringham Park. Our Sports Leader students have been on visits to other schools and venues to compete in competitions.

Cedar did marvellously in the Rewards Assembly, with some of our children gaining top awards for conduct, effort and progress. Special mention went to Kristin with her amazing letter for English. We also won a box of chocolates as the winners of the Ecological Christmas Tree Competition with our beautiful, handmade decorations. Cedar are doing very well with the house points and some have passed the 50 level — let's see who gets to 100 first!

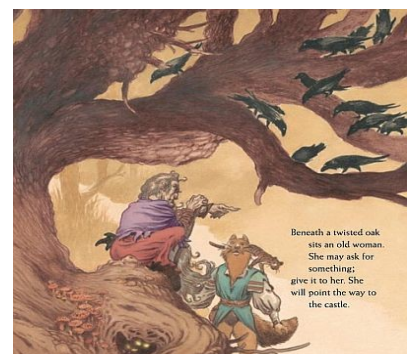
We are looking forward to a wonderful new year, with lots of learning, fun and ,hopefully, we will keep up with our winning streak with the rewards!

Maths

During this coming half term, Year 10 are going to use their number and shape skills to develop their understanding of fractions with lots of hands-on activities. There will also be more on everyday skills to prepare them for life as adults. They now begin to experience some entry level testing to become really confident when taking the real Edexcel exams.

English

This half term, children explore fantastical worlds with mythological creatures, brave heroes, wizards and elves! Stories range from Theseus and the Minotaur to Beowulf's adventures. We also learn the language features of instructions and combine both genres with our mystical journey book, 'Instructions' by Neil Gaiman. Children write fantastical stories, create journey poems and write and follow recipes for mystical baking. We write emails and invites for our Mad Hatters Tea Party at the end of the half term!



RSHE

We have been learning all about hygiene routines and preventing the spread of germs. We all had some good ideas and clearly practised staying clean in our daily lives. Bacteria and viruses were investigated and we were able to highlight (because of recent year's events) good practise in trying to evade them. We identified emergency situations and know how to respond with the correct services. Next term, we will be looking at managing our feelings focusing on self esteem, emotions and coping strategies. We are collective in our thinking that any exercise is really good for you.

Science

The students will continue working towards their ELC qualification. We will be finishing our chemistry topic, covering the Earth's atmosphere and how humans have impacted it. After this topic is completed, we will begin our physics unit which includes topics such as forces, energy transfers and efficiency.

Other subjects:

Topic—Christian Places of worship was really interesting. We found out that we are really blessed with many across Norfolk. Next term is The History of travel and transport which will be fantastic!

Independent living—Independent travel - understanding timings, connections and prices on bus and rail services. We used maps to help plan Sidstrand to London—how do we get there? Next term we will be looking at independent living at home and how we organise our daily lives.

Enterprise— We have mass produced Christmas Trees, reindeers and other Christmas crafts in the workshop picking many skills up as the term went on. An independent working production line was reached by mid December. Lots of money raised for The Strands Charity which is great. More woodwork next term and bricklaying skills.

Art and Textiles

This half term we are creating linocut printed pop art and then move onto our **Art and Textiles From Other Cultures unit of work**. We begin with Aboriginal inspired Batik pictures and then create our own block printed Adinkra fabric which we make into summer shorts.



Other useful information

English <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7mtsbk>

Maths <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

Geography & Ind Liv <https://earth.google.com/> <https://www.theaa.com/route-planner/route>