

Year 4 Alder and Cedar Class

Welcome back Year 4!

We hope you all enjoyed your half term break. We are excited to be starting our new topic!

Reminders:

You can contact us by emailing: year4@westfield.staffs.sch.uk. This will be checked daily at approximately 3.30pm.

PE days are on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure children come in to school wearing the correct school P.E. kit.

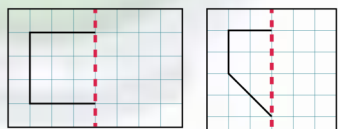
This half term Year 4 will also be doing Forest Schools sessions every Thursday. Please ensure children wear appropriate warm clothes and footwear due to the weather conditions this time of the year.

Cedar: Mrs Robinson, Mrs Steele, Mrs Jones

Alder: Mr Banks, Mr Richardson

Maths

This half term we will begin by developing and securing children's knowledge of Geometry including the area of 2D shapes. We will then be moving onto efficient multiplication and division methods. Children will be practising and securing their efficient use of written methods as well as using a range of practical equipment.



Geography

This half-term we will be developing our map skills, learning about British counties, countries and key cities across Britain and Europe, as well as other environmental features such as rivers, rainforests and deserts.

Science

We will learn about the different states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and the water cycle. We will carry out a range of experiments to find out all about the different processes such as evaporation, condensation, melting and freezing.



English

Using 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' as an example text, we will develop our fantasy writing. To blow the readers mind we will use different sentence types to describe using all the senses and create mystery and tension.

After that, we will be stepping into the shoes of a reporter to write our very own newspaper reports on a magical theme. We will continue to learn and practise new and interesting vocabulary through our VIPERS lessons and reading.



Religious Education

In our topic 'Landmarks of Life', we will be investigating the importance for believers of ceremonies in which special moments in the life cycle are marked.

PSHE

In the topic 'Happy and Healthy Me', we will be learning about what keeps our bodies healthy, such as good and bad habits.



This half-term, children will develop hockey skills and use them in different mini games before playing short hockey games with all the rules! Also, children will be developing their movements with precision and control through Gymnastics learning different leaps and jumps.



Reading at home - Accelerated Reader

Children will be encouraged to read their chosen book throughout the week in school and at home. They will then complete a quiz on their chosen book to assess their understanding.



Times tables

Please continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' to practice rapid recall of multiplication and division facts. Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables (up to x12) by the end of Year 4.

Spelling

Please practice the Year 3 and 4 common spelling words, a copy of these will be sent home with your child.



Try your best to complete at least 2 pieces of homework this half term. Remember to bring your homework in to school so that we can celebrate your hard work in class.

Homework

Design your own potion bottle, including the label. Look for interesting bottle shapes at home for ideas.

Write a recipe for your own potion e.g. a shrinking potion.

Make a home-made potion or perfume using things from home. Make sure an adult supervises you. You could use flowers or other lovely-smelling ingredients.

Write a story or diary entry about a potion that you have created.

Design a danger label to warn people about a dangerous liquid or gas. Investigate the dangers.

Write a report or fact-file about solids, liquids and gases that you can find at home.