

Year 4 Alder and Cedar Class

Welcome back!

We have a fun filled half-term lined up!

Reminders:

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

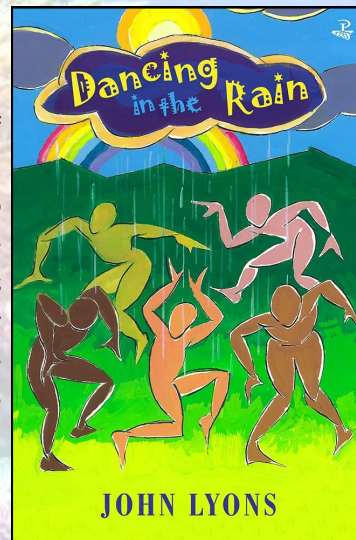
Forest school is on every Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children wear appropriate warm clothes and footwear due to the weather conditions this time of the year.

PE days are on a Monday and Friday for Cedar and Alder. Please ensure children come in to school wearing the correct school P.E. kit: This includes jogging bottoms or shorts and jackets in black, navy blue, grey or green please.

Cedar class will need to bring in their ukulele every Monday.

English

To start the half-term, the children will be exploring the entertaining and fun performance poetry of John Lyons's collection 'Dancing in the Rain,' in order to write their own free verse poems to perform. After that, the children will delve into the moving story of 'The Song of the Dolphin Boy' as inspiration for their own narratives. This leads nicely onto, what we're sure will be, a passionate debate about the consequences of pollution on the world's oceans.



Science Topic: Animals, Including Humans

This term in Science, Year 4 students will be exploring the fascinating world of animals, focusing on the digestive system, teeth, and food chains. They will learn about how different types of teeth are adapted for various diets and how the digestive process works in the human body. The students will also dive into the concept of food chains, discovering how energy flows through different organisms in ecosystems. This topic will give them a deeper understanding of the connection between humans, animals, and the environment.

Geography Topic: Rivers

In Geography, Year 4 will be studying rivers and their importance in shaping the land. They will explore the different features of rivers, such as the source, mouth, and tributaries, and how these features influence the surrounding landscape. The students will also investigate the types of settlements found near rivers and how the land is used, from farming to urban development. This topic will help them develop a greater understanding of how rivers shape our world and the various land types that surround them.

Maths



- Recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions.
- Identify equivalent fractions and simplify them.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.
- Understand and write decimals to two decimal places.
- Compare and order decimals and fractions.
- Solve word problems involving fractions and decimals.
- Continue to develop multiplication and division skills up to at least 12x

Religious Education

During this unit the children will have the opportunity to explore **religion** in more detail. They will identify some of the main features of the **religion's** lifestyle and explain the meaning of key actions and symbols to a follower in the chosen religious.

PSHE

"What keeps me healthy?" is the focus in PSHE this half-term. The children will understand what the body needs to remain healthy and what can affect their health. From viruses and bacteria to medicines and how to use them safely, to harmful substances such as tobacco.

PE

This half-term, children will develop teamwork, strategy and communication skills through invasion games such as hockey. Also, children will be developing their movements with precision and control through yoga.

Reading at home - Accelerated Reader

We are continuing to encourage the children to read their chosen book throughout the week in school and at home. Children will then complete a quiz on their chosen book to assess their understanding.

Times tables

Please continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' to practise 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.

There's an on-going battle between Cedar and Alder so get on TTRS and fight for your class to be the champions!

Spelling

Please practise spellings weekly to be tested every Friday.

HOMWORK

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.

Create a poster on the different types of teeth	Draw the human digestive system
Design a food chain	Label a river map on a local river: mouth, tributaries, source etc.
Create a poster about a river	Make a fact file on a famous river

Cedar Class: Mrs Robinson, Mrs Steele, Mrs Jones

Alder class: Mr Banks and Mr Richardson