

Our Learning Newsletter: Autumn 1

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Divergent by Veronica Roth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Watch the film and/ or read the book What other books does the author write?<br/>Could they write or video a book / film review?<br/>Start a research project on the author and her work.</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Number &amp; Geometry.<br/>A reconsolidation and extension of the children's current knowledge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Using BBC bitesize, numbots, &amp; Top Marks to cover the topics that are written home in their home school diaries.</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>Mental wellbeing is our theme this half term. This is a new exciting programme in which we start off by studying the brain. We will also be exploring anxiety reduction strategies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If your child is reluctant to talk about their feelings, perhaps you can be more vocal about your emotions. "Today I am happy/sad because ... "</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>To program and code a video game on Purple Mash.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Talk about video games. What are their favourites? Any video games you have played before? What are the differences? Research how games have changed over the years. Comparing a game from the 90s to a more recent game such as Minecraft, FIFA or Fortnite.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Life Skills</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE</b></p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>This half tem we will be exploring safe tool use and working with others. This will be through a combination of woodwork and cooking. Social skills around cooperative working will be addressed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enjoy happy times by making pancakes together or even the odd simple pizza</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>PE is a great way to break down shyness, can generate a lot of laughter and interaction. Cooperative games and floor based activities will be explored.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Physical skills can be expressed in so many ways. Laying a table or getting stuff from the fridge counts.</p>  |



## Discovery Days



In our discovery days we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects. In Science we will be covering physics, looking into energy and heat. Our humanity topic will be all about the Aztecs which links nicely to our creative topic where we will be looking at engineering elements through Design Tech.

### Home learning opportunities:

Talk about what things get hot in your home. Why does it happen and what do they get hot for (Cooking food, washing clothes etc.)?

Research and watch videos about the Aztecs. Could they create a fact file on the Aztecs?

**Challenge: Could they find out which British hero/myth lived during the same time period?**

Ask Ryan for a hint!

## Useful Websites/Apps

Some of these may require login information. Please speak to your class teacher or child's key worker for details.

**BBC Bitesize Programming** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhy39j6>

**TopMarks (Interactive Maths Games)** - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/>

**Purple Mash (Log ins can be provided)** - <https://www.2simple.com/purple-mash/>

**Numbots** - <https://numbots.com/>

**Maths is fun** <https://www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm>

**Times Tables Rockstars** <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

**National Geographic Kids Aztecs** - <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/aztec-civilization>

**National Geographic Aztecs** - <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/aztec-civilization/>

**NHS Every mind Matters** - <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

**Wordwall (Activities, games & quizzes for any topics)** - <https://wordwall.net/en-us/community/games>

## Class Reminders

Welcome to a new year at Cedar! The team and I are very excited to get started with our new class and work with your wonderful young person this year. If you need to reach out and contact myself or any of the team, please use the class email address: [amethystclass@cedarschool.co.uk](mailto:amethystclass@cedarschool.co.uk).

Some of the class will be going on a trip to the Mayflower this half term to see Aladdin which is incredibly exciting, more details will follow soon.