



Cedar Class Autumn 1 Newsletter



Dear Pupils, Parents & Carers

A very warm welcome back to you all! It was brilliant to see the children come bounding in to the classroom on Tuesday morning. Our new arrivals have settled in beautifully and the classroom is really buzzing. Mrs Buggy and I will do our very best to ensure that all pupils are well supported during this first term and of course for the rest of our academic year.

...and we're off!

I always have a bit of a re-vamp over the holidays to ensure that the classroom suits the needs of children returning and for those just starting, making sure that Cedar is well-equipped for them to dive straight back into their learning. This week we have been busy ensuring that our classroom charter is in place (a copy of this has been sent home); that routines and structures are established and that everyone in Cedar is aware of what is expected for the year ahead. Pupils are working hard and have produced some amazing work in their books already. It has been fantastic to see the children return with such mature attitudes and a focused attitude to their learning; Cedar class children are seen as very important role-models of Kirkby Malzeard School.

Home Learning

Thank you to the children that made such great efforts with the holiday tasks that have been completed. There is so much to share that we still have lots of presenting and sharing to do.

Home learning tasks are distributed weekly; please encourage your child to complete the tasks as they link to our learning in class and are very beneficial. Spelling investigation lists will be sent out every Monday. On occasions, children will jot down additional research or 'things to do' in their planners.

In the know!

Hopefully your child has shared their diary/planner with you. Their planner gives you the opportunity to see what's happening in school and also to share messages with myself or Mrs Buggy. Please encourage your child to bring their planners in every day as it really does enhance children's organisation skills and aids communication.

In our cloakroom we have a 'Class News' wall that is updated with half-termly timetables, weekly learning journal work etc. - just in case any important information gets mislaid. We are also using the school newsletter e-mail to share messages and information.

Learning

We have begun our WW1 topic and started things off with a journey down a 3D trench! The children have thought about what they would like to learn about and we are very excited about our trip with Palm class to Eden Camp on the 25th September (letter to follow). Palm will be learning about WW2 this term and Mr Donaldson and I have lots of exciting events planned for Key Stage 2 (KS2).

Please find attached a learning jigsaw sharing information regarding the other curriculum areas that will be taught, outlining the learning that Cedar class will cover. Please also find attached a copy of our Autumn 1 timetable and 'Home Learning' information.

The Cedar Class Team

Mrs Buggy will continue to support in Cedar class every morning.

Mr Powell will teach P.E. every Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Harris will teach music every Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Buggy and I will teach KS2 Bansho every Friday morning.

Mr Irving will teach P.E. every Friday afternoon.

Miss Holt will teach Forest Schools every Friday afternoon.

For those of you who are new to Kirkby School, 'Bansho' is a collaborative maths problem solving and reasoning session that we teach the whole of KS2 every Friday morning. Cedar class pupils lead teams and are given the opportunity to demonstrate lots of mastery skills, explaining and solving problems to fellow members of KS2. This is our second year of Bansho and we are very pleased to continue with it following its great success last year. Problem solving and reasoning skills improved greatly in both classes and the sessions have added real value to our pupils' learning. Pupils also work hard to earn dale dots for their team throughout the morning.

On Fridays we also complete our times table challenges and spelling assessments. It's a very busy morning!

Finally, for families both old and new to Cedar class...our classroom door is always open! If any questions or queries arise during the next half term we are keen to discuss them with you as quickly as possible. Therefore, if you wish to speak to either myself or Mrs Buggy, please do not hesitate to pop in at the beginning or end of the day. If we are teaching and unable to speak to you as learning has begun we will get back to you as soon as we are available throughout the day. Alternatively, please leave a message with the office for one of us to contact you. Similarly we will contact you, if necessary.

Wishing you all a very happy first half term!

Mrs Wolfe & Mrs Buggy

Other Useful Information

- Learning Journal work will be given out every Wednesday and will be due in each Monday.
- Spellings will be set each Monday and tested every Friday.
- **We are now providing pupils with a named cup in the classroom, so they can access water at all times. These are washed daily.** Your child will still require a water bottle in school that they can use for lunchtimes, P.E. and other outdoor learning.
- Children may bring a **healthy snack** for morning break, if they wish.
- Please ensure that a full PE kit is in school each week, this should include sportswear appropriate for both indoor and outdoor activities. If children do not have their P.E. kits in school we have spare kit available in order to enable them to participate.
- Wellies and waterproofs are required every Friday for Forest School.
- **Please ensure that all clothes, bags, PE kit and shoes are labelled.**
- Pencil cases are allowed, however if not used appropriately a request will be made that children do not bring them into school.
- Classroom Worship will take place every Thursday afternoon and is led by the children. Please let myself or Mrs Buggy know if you wish to join us.
- Celebration assembly will continue every Friday at 3pm. You are very welcome to join us to celebrate our pupils' achievements and to find out what we've been getting up to!



Reminders

- Please let us know via your child's planner if you give permission for them to walk home by themselves this academic year, thank you.
- Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day.
- As we now access the field every playtime, wellies or P.E. trainers are required to change in to at playtimes. Sensible school shoes may be worn on the field if it is dry.
- If pupils wish to play football at playtimes they will require football boots or P.E. trainers and tracksuit bottoms/P.E. shorts to change in to at playtimes.
- Pupils must wear their P.E. trainers when using the timber trail.
- If your child comes to school on their bike or scooter, please ensure that they disembark when entering the school grounds (this includes the path leading from the top gate and all playgrounds) for safety reasons, thank you.

Thank you for supporting us to help keep our children safe.