



# Cedar Class Curriculum Update

Summer 2019

## Mathematics

Now that we are only a few weeks away from SATs, we have completed our learning of the National Curriculum expectations for Year 2. We will therefore now be revisiting the areas of Maths which children commonly find more difficult. We will also be working on reasoning skills and choosing operations to solve a variety of problems.

**How to help at home**—we would like the children to focus on telling the time and perhaps using clocks and watches at home. We would also like them to continue to learn their timetables and number bonds.



## Topic

Our topic this term is 'Great Discoveries'. We will be learning about Charles Darwin and the Galapagos islands and Mary Anning and the Jurassic coast. Then we will move on to the main topic focus—Ancient Egypt. We will be visiting a museum (details to follow) and taking part in our own archaeological dig. This will be a history and geography topic looking at historical figures and events and looking at these areas today.

In art and design we will be focusing on the famous artists Cezanne, O'Keefe and Andy Goldsworthy. We will be exploring a range of media including model making, imprints, oil pastels, painting and sketching.



## English

We will be fine tuning our writing skills this term including punctuation and spelling. Please continue to focus on the Year 1 and 2 common exception words.

We will be reading Flat Stanley in Egypt, Stones and bones and the Little Blue Hippo as well as a range of non-fiction texts. We will be writing in a variety of genres, including instructions for mummification and a travel guide to Egypt and the Galapagos islands.

## Science

This half term we will be focusing on investigative skills, recording and observing. This will include exciting experiments, including how to make a rainbow and how to make paper jump! In the second half term we will be learning about plants and how they grow and this will include a few of our own plants in the classroom.

## P.E.

This half term we will be learning the key skills for a range of games, including hockey, tennis and cricket. After half term our focus will be athletics and sports day preparation.

## Notes for the diary

Our class assembly will be on Thursday 13th June at 9am.  
We hope you can join us.

Year 2 SATS will take place in May and we will keep these as low key as possible. No preparation is needed, although we do ask that children are well rested during this time.