

Welcome to Cedar Class!



Theme for the term:

Our topic this term is **Rainforest**.

We will be making comparisons between Cornwall and the Rainforest, exploring the weather, the climate, the different animals and people that live there and celebrating what makes each place, a special place to live.

Key texts

To support our English Skills, we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including fact files and information books. We will build on our learning through reading and drama to embed the stories and texts in our minds which will help us with our sentence writing.

A Happy New Year to you all from Cedar Class! We hope you've had an enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to some amazing Rainforest learning this term with a planned trip to Eden in the planning stages for next half term. We will be planting and cooking this term as we learn about ways to keep our bodies healthy—linking PSHE, DT, Independence, Work Related Learning and Horticulture.

This term, as part of our RE learning, we are planning two trips to local churches so we can learn about different types of churches and explore how they are used, artefacts etc. (Letters to follow when dates have been confirmed).

FOCUS SESSION - Independence

A key focus of the Doubletrees experience for our learners is developing their own independence, however that may look for them. We have core skills of independence that we want our learners to explore throughout their time here, these include: independent living skills, health and wellbeing, employment, and friends, relationships and community. Within these areas, our learners will develop a sense of independence in a wide range of skills from washing, grooming and dressing to fire safety, using a knife and fork and cooking skills.

Key dates and reminders this term:

Tuesdays: P.E. - please provide a named t-shirt, shorts and trainers

Friday: swimming - please provide a named swimming kit

***Swimming and PE dates may be changing so please can you send kits in on Monday each week.**

→ DON'T FORGET!



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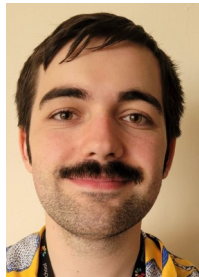
Reminders



Cedar Team!

Nikki - Cedar class teacher

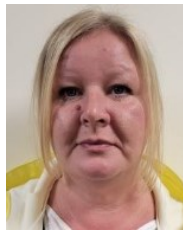
Bridgette, Jen and Tyler Cedar Class TA's.



HLTA
Phil



Kelly
midday supervisor



Key vocabulary this term

Some of the core words we will be using throughout our learning this term include:

- Rainforest
- climate
- Humid
- Tundra
- Canopy
- Weather
- Cornwall
- Compare

Supporting Learning at Home:

Class fund: thank you to those who contribute £5 to our half-termly class fund as this supports us in our Cooking/Design and Technology lessons. If you are able to contribute, please do so through Parent Pay.

Home-School Communication: You can use your child's home-school book to share messages with us. We also welcome updates via *Evidence for Learning*—if you need help accessing this, please let us know through your child's diary.

Labelling Belongings: Clearly labelling clothing and equipment makes it much easier to return lost items.

Reading: Please encourage your child to read and explore their school reading book (and other books) at home. Share the reading experience with them.

Snacks: Please provide your child with a healthy snack to bring to school each day.

Water Bottles: Ensure your child brings a *named* water bottle to school each day.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs) Over the next few weeks, you'll receive your child's updated targets. These are linked to their EHCP objectives, as well as key curriculum goals in. If you have any questions—or if there's a particular area you feel we should focus on—please feel free to get in touch

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