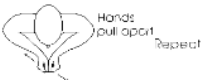
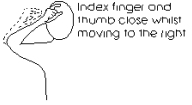


Our Learning Newsletter: Autumn 2

 English 	 Maths 
In school we are learning: We will read a variety of texts to support descriptive writing. The class will explore how imagery can inform a story. They will write descriptive sentences about themselves and pictures. They will use structured resources to help build their descriptive writing Home learning opportunities: When looking at pictures or objects ask the children to describe what they are seeing. Ask them to add in describing words to their response eg. "The car is blue", can become "The big car is blue". Read picture books together and ask them to tell you the story.	In school we are learning: We will be thinking about measure this term. This includes weight, length and height. The children will solve problems involving measure (addition and subtraction), will be identifying heavy and light and will be exploring tall and small in different ways. Home learning opportunities: Cook together, weighing ingredients is a fun way to work on measure or even make some playdough or slime. When out and about ask which is the tallest building, which is the smallest. This links nicely to our descriptive writing.
 PSHE 	 Computing 
In school we are learning: We will be looking at money. To do this we are using our enterprise project to consider how businesses make money. There will also be the opportunity to have experience in handling money and budgeting. Home learning opportunities: If you are able give the children some money to spend and support them to find what they want, identify if they can afford it and what money they should have left. You could also let them be responsible for paying for things in shops or play shops at home.	In school we are learning: We will be producing an animated story as part of our coding topic. The children will create a story board and then, using Purple Mash, will make this into a picture book style story. This will also support understanding of cause and effect and following instructions, which some of the children will experience in the sensory room. Home learning opportunities: Explore Purple Mash together at home. Create instructions together to move around your home. Play with toys or computer programmes that the child has to do something, like touch the screen or press a button, to gain a response.

 Life Skills 	 PE 
In school we are learning: Independent participation in group activities to increase social skills between peers. Home learning opportunities: Where possible encourage your child to independently engage in conversation and activities with peers and familiar adults.	In school we are learning: Target games where we will roll throw and kick an object into a target Home learning opportunities: You could play a target game with you child like skittles or bocchia. Could your child help create their own target game and play it with you?
 Discovery Days 	
In our discovery days we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects. We will be creating our own Art Deco buildings this term, considering the shapes and patterns that are used. In science we are learning about electricity including how it is made and used. We will also be creating some electrical circuits. In Humanities we are going to be looking at the history of lighthouses, where they are located and we will build our own lighthouses to bring home. In RE we will be looking at the Christmas story and thinking about how the experiences of those involved can relate to our own experiences. Home learning opportunities: If you are able, go and see the lighthouse at Hurst Point or drive past the Solent Sky Museum to see the light ship outside. Ask the children how electricity gets to their homes and how it is made. Ask them to do an electrical safety risk assessment around your home to find potential hazards.	

Useful Websites/Apps

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

Maths: <https://numbots.com/>

Purple Mash: <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/thecedar-so16#/>

Class Reminders

As you are aware we are now swimming on Monday mornings. Please check your child's home/school communication book for when your child needs to bring their swimming kit.

Please remember that you can contact the staff team at diamond@cedarschool.co.uk for non-urgent matters.