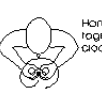


Our Learning Newsletter: Autumn 2

 My Communication 	 My Cognition 
In school we are learning: Two dedicated Communication sessions every day to really practise and embed skills of choosing and requesting, as well as Intensive Interaction and an interactive sensory story called Phoebe's Green Christmas. Home learning opportunities: Frequently practice your child's communication method to request favourite toys, activities and snacks, and do ask James if you need support.	In school we are learning: Maths – modelling the language of counting and shape through a roll the die sensory game, bowling and number songs. Computing – causing an effect in different ways using the HelpKidzLearn programmes on touchscreens. Home learning opportunities: Use skittles, blocks, counters, puzzles etc to model basic maths language such as counting and shape; explore cause and effect apps on a computer or tablet.
 My Body 	 My Community 
In school we are learning: Cricket - we have a fantastic coach in to explore catching, throwing and striking a ball. Dance – again, we are lucky to have an external dance teacher leading a session with lots of movement and colourful pompoms! Home learning opportunities: Practice the skills of throwing/rolling and catching balls of various size, and striking a ball with a bat/racket. Just have fun dancing to some favourite music!	In school we are learning: To recognise our peers and adults through daily Circle Time, turn-taking during Shared Attention, and mixing with our older peers from Emerald Class for parachute and 'ready steady go' games. We are also joining up with three other classes to participate in the Phoebe's Green Christmas stories. Home learning opportunities: Look for recognition of familiar people's pictures or names being called; play turn-taking games where your child has to wait and anticipate.
 My Care and Independence 	 PSHE 
In school we are learning: Dressing for the weather, including putting on shoes/wellies and coats, as well as hand washing. We will also make some peppermint creams for Christmas! Home learning opportunities: Continue practising clothing, hand washing and feeding skills, and any other relevant self-help, allowing your child to initially just complete the last action of the task, then add a bit more each time (see link on Backward Chaining).	In school we are learning: Money and Finance – we will explore giant versions of coins, notes and bank cards (also linking with our theme of shapes), and take part in some shop role play. Check your emails soon for details of a trip to the local shop! Home learning opportunities: Narrate key aspects of a shopping trip (explaining to your child in simple language what is happening) to help embed the understanding for future skill-building.



Discovery Days



In our discovery days we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects.

For our Science this term we are learning about:

Chemistry - mixing different materials together and seeing what it creates!

Home learning opportunities:

There are lots of fun mixtures to try at home – cornflour and water makes gloop, and baking soda and vinegar fizzes. See what different colours you can make mixing paint!

Useful Websites/Apps

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

Backwards Chaining approach <https://www.verywellfamily.com/backward-chaining-3105608>

This is the Way song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XLQpRI_wOQ

Free interactive touchscreen games [Goulden Time](#)

Class Reminders

Swimming: we are taking two children per half-term on a WEDNESDAY morning this year, and will contact you ahead of your child's turn for sending in kit.

If you have any questions, need further information or want to share information, please use the purple@cedarschool.co.uk email to contact the class team.