

# Year 4 Alder and Cedar Class

## Welcome back!

We have a fun filled half-term lined up!

### Reminders:

You can contact us by emailing: year4@westfield.staffs.sch.uk. This will be checked daily at approximately 3.30pm.

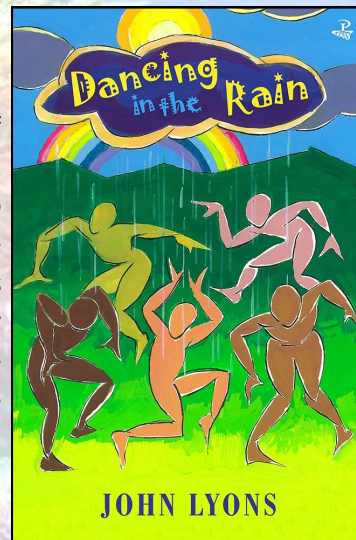
Forest school is on every Monday starting 19th February 2024. Please ensure children wear appropriate warm clothes and footwear due to the weather conditions this time of the year.

PE days are on a Tuesday and Wednesday for Cedar and Alder. Please ensure children come in to school wearing the correct school P.E. kit: This includes jogging bottoms or shorts and jackets in black, navy blue, grey or green please.

Cedar class will need to bring in their ukulele every Wednesday.

### English

To start the half-term, the children will be exploring the entertaining and fun performance poetry of John Lyons's collection 'Dancing in the Rain,' in order to write their own free verse poems to perform. After that, the children will delve into the moving story of 'The Song of the Dolphin Boy' as inspiration for their own narratives. This leads nicely onto, what we're sure will be, a passionate debate about the consequences of pollution on the world's oceans.



### Water of Life

Grab your wet suits! We're going deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures. Flippers on! Snorkel ready! Lets head into the 'Water of Life'.

The children will be in awe of one of the grandest natural wonders of the world the 'Great Barrier Reef'. They will discover where it is located and research the impact that physical activity, tourism and climate change have had on this natural wonder.

They will also be finding out how water changes state, and relate these key processes to the water cycle. Children will explore and use classification keys to group living creatures in a variety of ways.

Using fine detail and tone the children will then showcase their fantastic art and DT skills by producing observational drawings of coral reefs and making a model submarine with a motor that moves a propeller.

### Maths



In their maths lessons this term, the children will:

- Calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.
- Convert between different measurements of length, such as km and m.
- Understand improper fractions and how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions.
- Find fraction of amounts and identify equivalent fractions and their families.
- Add and subtracting fractions.

### Religious Education

During this unit the children will have the opportunity to explore **religion** in more detail. They will identify some of the main features of the **religion's** lifestyle and explain the meaning of key actions and symbols to a follower in the chosen religion.

### PSHE

"What keeps me healthy?" is the focus in PSHE this half-term. The children will understand what the body needs to remain healthy and what can affect their health. From viruses and bacteria to medicines and how to use them safely, to harmful substances such as tobacco.

### PE

This half-term, children will develop teamwork and communication skills through Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. Also, children will be developing their movements with precision and control through Dance to communicate a story to the 'Carnival of Animals'.

### Reading at home - Accelerated Reader

We are continuing to encourage the children to read their chosen book throughout the week in school and at home. Children will then complete a quiz on their chosen book to assess their understanding.

### Times tables

Please continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' to practise rapid recall of multiplication and division facts. Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables (up to x12) by the end of year 4.

There's an on-going battle between Cedar and Alder so get on TTRS and fight for your class to be the champions!

### Spelling

Please practise spellings weekly to be tested every Friday.

## HOMWORK

**Try your best to complete at least 2 pieces of homework this half term. Remember to bring your homework in to school so that we can celebrate your hard work in class.**

<b>Why is the ocean blue? Go on find out!</b>	<b>Design an under the sea board game. What creatures might your counters represent?</b>
<b>Write a true or false quiz with fascinating facts about creatures and plants .</b>	<b>Write a story about a diver's exploration of a coral reef.</b>
<b>Create a picture dictionary of plants and creatures of the ocean.</b>	<b>Learn The Beatle song 'Yellow Submarine', and write a new verse of your own.</b>

**Cedar Class: Mrs Robinson, Mrs Roberts, Mr Richardson**

**Alder class: Mr Banks and Mrs Steele**