



# Cedar



# Weekly Review

Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014

## NOTES FROM THE TEACHER

We have been busy preparing for our Harvest celebration next week during which the children will give thanks at the church for the wide variety of food and drink we enjoy. An amazing variety of creatures graced the school today for our pets assembly – many thanks to those of you able to bring in and show off your animals!

Mr Edwards

### English

The children have been looking at explanation texts this week. We have discussed together how explanations might be particularly useful for our enrichment curriculum research, as we might find information on how different machines and inventions are made and operated. The children looked for present tense verbs in explanations of how bicycles and wind turbines work and they went on to explore a range of non-fiction books, looking for the features that they might all have. We discovered glossaries, contents pages and indices and the children created their own glossaries of alien jargon!

### Maths

Having completed some work on solving subtraction word problems, the children moved on this week to multiplication. We are discovering the different contexts in which multiplication is used. We began by looking at arrays and representing multiplication calculations as repeated addition, in the process deepening the children's understanding of commutativity as it pertains to addition and multiplication. We then went on to examine multiplication used to find the area of rectilinear shapes, and the children used this understanding to estimate the area of irregular shapes. Finally, we looked at how multiplication is used as a scale factor.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parent Consultations
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Parent Consultations
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Half Term (school closed 3<sup>rd</sup> November)

### HOMEWORK

**MATHS:** Children are to practise multiplication.

**ENGLISH:** Children practised redrafting.

**Times Tables:** Children will be tested on Friday. The times table the children need to learn can be found stuck into the back of their Maths homework book.

**Spellings:** Given out with English homework, tested on Friday.

**RETURN SLIP** Please sign and return this slip on Monday.

