



Cedar Weekly Review



Week ending 26th April, 2013.

What's been happening this week?

CEDAR'S WEEK

Wow, what an exciting week it has been! The children were introduced to their new topic: Pompeii. They were surprised to arrive back from lunch, not to their usual classroom, but into a Roman bakery. The ground began to shake and sounds depicting an earthquake repetitively filled the room. The children had different thoughts and ideas of what the sounds may have been. After making some Roman dough of their own and tasting the local bread, the children were invited into the home of a wealthy Roman lady. As they walked around they saw her grapes, wine, antique furnishings and her luxurious belongings. The excitement continued when the children joined the Roman army and learnt to march and fight for their lives! Finally class Cedar visited a Roman doctor's surgery where they witnessed an amputation operation. Eventually the children returned to the bakery to observe one last earth tremor. This time the children realised it wasn't just an earthquake, but in fact Mt Vesuvius erupting! Following a short discussion of the history of Pompeii the children are now all very excited to learn much more about 'the buried city'. We are all looking forward to the next few weeks full of history and activities!

LITERACY

The children have enjoyed debating Michael Gove's proposal to 'make school days longer' in Literacy this week. Although a lot of the children (of course) thought school days were already long enough, they were able to come up with good arguments for and against. Their next task was to write a persuasive letter to Mr Gove using excellent persuasive language and rhetorical questions.

Ask your child what their opinion is...

NUMERACY

In numeracy this week the children have revisited 'telling the time'. They have added to their skills from earlier in the year and are now much more confident translating analogue time into digital time and vice versa. It is great to see the children understanding 24 hour time so confidently too. Telling the time can be tricky and the children have worked extremely hard through challenges this week to prove they can do it!

Ask your child to tell you the time throughout the day...

PE

The children have been putting their cricket skills into practice with Mrs Field this week. They have worked on their throwing, catching, over-arm bowling, batting and fielding skills. The children are all looking forward to swimming lessons starting next week too. Of course the Year 4's also have Grafham to look forward to next week!

NOTICES

If your child regularly catches the school bus at the end of the day, please ensure they know if they are catching the bus home and remind them in the morning. A few of the children have been getting confused with their afternoon arrangements. Thanks!



HOMEWORK

LITERACY (due in on Mondays) Writing a persuasive letter	NUMERACY (due in on Thursdays) Money word problems
SPELLINGS (Test Wednesday)	SPEED TABLES (Tested each day)

RETURN SLIP Please sign and return this slip on Monday.

