



Year One Spring 2 Class Newsletter



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term holiday! We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on what your child will be learning this half term and to provide you with some updates.

<p>Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:</p>	<p>The School Day and Key Dates:</p>
<p>Miss Wolstencroft – Birch Class Teacher and KS1 leader Miss McCafferty– Maple Class Teacher Mrs Collyer – KS1 Teaching Assistant Mrs Plummer – KS1 Teaching Assistant Mrs Aghimien – Phonics Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Mrs Sulaman- Maple HLTA and Forest School Mrs Fisher – Birch HLTA Mrs Petrof – Art HLTA Mr Littleboy – PE HLTA</p> <p>Mrs Wickham – SEN 1-1 TA Mrs Shah – SEN 1-1 TA Mrs Bahauddin – SEN 1-1 TA Mrs Lu – SEN 1-1 TA</p>	<p>Doors will open at 8:50am. Please be prompt as we have busy fingers between 8:50am and 9:00am. Our first lesson starts at 9:00am. School will finish at 3.15pm.</p> <p>Monday 28th February 2022- Reading workshop</p> <p>Tuesday 1st March 2022- Phonics Screening check information meeting on Zoom (10:30am and repeated at 7:30pm)</p> <p>Friday 4th March 2022- Dress up for world book day</p> <p>Friday 1st April 2022- last day before Easter holiday.</p> <p>Please let us know if you would like to support in school for our forest school sessions on a Monday afternoon 1:15- 3:00pm</p>
<p>Best ways to communicate with us:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter – for daily pictures and updates @CTS_Watford (Cherry Tree School) @MissWCTS (Miss Wolstencroft) @MissMcCTS (Miss McCafferty) @MrsSulamanCTS (Mrs Sulaman) • Marvellous Me- check for badges or messages • Playground – catch us at the classroom door before or after school • Meetings - please arrange this with the school office- phone call/ google classroom appointments are available. <p>You are also welcome to make an appointment with the office for a telephone call or meeting with us. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have about your child or the Year 1 curriculum.</p>	
<p>Reading:</p>	<p>PE and School Uniform</p>
<p>Cherry Tree we understand the importance of enabling our children to become confident and enthusiastic readers. Reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, will give children the opportunity to thrive.</p> <p>Books are used in every area of our teaching and are an integral part of Cherry Tree School. Please read with your child at home, encourage them to read independently and ensure that a log of their reading is kept in their Reading Record which will be brought into school each day.</p>  <p>(This can include online books, recipes, instructions, shopping lists, letters, postcards, newspapers as well as stories). Please let us know if you are free to listen to children read.</p>	<p>PE is on a Tuesday morning but we do expect the children to have their PE kits in every day.</p> <p>PE - Tuesday am Daily mile - daily 5 a day - daily</p> <p>All PE kit should be named and left in school on your child's peg. It can be taken home at half term to be washed.</p> <p>We are practising getting changed quickly and putting our clothes away. Please make sure all uniform is labelled and children have a chance to practise changing at home to speed up this process!</p> 

Home Learning:

It is expected that...

- Children practise some **Maths** skills throughout the week (NumBots) this can be games at home such as counting, sorting, following routines, measuring and weighing or playing board games.
- Children **read** with an adult for a minimum of 5 minutes every day.
- A '**Homework Menu**' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Please email/ tweet/ send in via google classroom or bring in work to share at the end of each half term.

Our theme this term is... How are artists inspired by nature?

We will be learning about famous artists who are inspired by nature in **Art** lessons. We will look at artists who use printing techniques to create patterns to reflect nature. In **History** we learn about the seasons and how trees and plants grow and change over the year. This will also help us develop an understanding of common plants and flowers in **Science**. In **Geography** we will be learn more about making maps and we will create aerial views of a playground or garden. In **English** lessons our writing will be based on stories and poems about nature and growing plants. We will plant vegetables in **Forest School** and we will harvest them when they have grown. In our **RE** lessons we will learn about how Muslims, Christians and Hindus pray at home or in a special building. We will also learn about the festival of Easter. We will listen to "What a wonderful world" by Louis Armstrong in **Music** and explore the genre of pop jazz. We learn colours in **Spanish** and use the chromebooks in **Computing**.

Please let us know if you have any useful information or resources which you would be willing to share with us.

Useful links to support your child's learning:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> <https://www.purplemash.com/login/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/> <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>