



# Year One Autumn 1 Class Newsletter



**CHERRY TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on what your child will be learning this term and to provide you with some updates.

<p><b>Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:</b></p> <p><b>Miss Wolstencroft</b> – Birch Class Teacher and KS1 leader  <b>Miss McCafferty</b>– Maple Class Teacher  <b>Mrs Collyer</b> – KS1 Teaching Assistant  <b>Mrs Plummer</b> – KS1 Teaching Assistant  <b>Mrs Aghimien</b> – Phonics Teaching Assistant</p> <p><b>Mrs Sulaman</b>- Maple HLTA  <b>Mrs Hoare</b> – Birch HLTA  <b>Mrs Petrof</b> – Art HLTA  <b>Mr Littleboy</b> – PE HLTA</p> <p><b>Mrs Wickham</b> – SEN 1-1 TA  <b>Mrs Shah</b> – SEN 1-1 TA  <b>Mrs Bahauddin</b> – SEN 1-1 TA  <b>Mrs Lu</b> – SEN 1-1 TA</p>	<p><b>The School Day and Key Dates:</b></p> <p>Doors will open at <b>8:50am</b>. Please be prompt as we have busy fingers between <b>8:50am</b> and <b>9:00am</b>.  School will finish at <b>3.15pm</b>.</p> <p><b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>- Meet the Parent meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>- trip to Berry Avenue park</p> <p><b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>- start Autumn half term</p>
<p><b>Best ways to communicate with us:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Twitter</b> – for daily pictures and updates  @CTS_Watford (Cherry Tree School)  @MissWCTS (Miss Wolstencroft) @MissMcCTS (Miss McCafferty)  @MsHoareCTS (Ms Hoare) @MrsSulamanCTS (Mrs Sulaman)</li> <li>• <b>Marvellous Me</b>- check for badges or messages</li> <li>• <b>Playground</b> – catch us at the classroom door before or after school</li> <li>• <b>Meetings</b> - please arrange this with the school office- phone call/ google classroom appointments are available.</li> </ul> <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><b>Reading:</b></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.</p> <p>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).</p>	<p><b>PE and School Uniform</b></p> <p>PE is on a Tuesday afternoon but we do expect the children to have their PE kits in every day.</p> <p><b>PE - Tuesday pm</b>  Daily mile - <b>daily</b>  5 a day - <b>daily</b></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... What makes me special?

In **Geography** we will be learning about our local area and the different landmarks we can spot. We will design and build playground in **D&T** after our trip to the Berry Avenue playground. We will also learn about the five senses in **Science** and learn which body part is linked to each sense. In **English** lessons our writing will be based on stories and poems about being outdoors including 'Percy the Parkeeper' by Nick Butterworth, 'On the way home' by Jill Murphy, 'The secret sky garden' by Linda Sarah 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes and 'Where's my Teddy?' by Jez Alborough. In **Maths** lessons we will learn about number patterns, become confident at counting, ordering and estimating. We will start to use part whole models when adding and subtracting within 10 and will begin to solve problems. We will produce self portraits in **Art** lessons. In **History** we will learn about timelines and create a timeline of our lives so far. In our **RE** lessons we will learn about being thankful and giving to charity. We will sing songs in **Music**, learn basic **Spanish** greetings and use the BeeBots and Chromebooks in **Computing**.

We will answer these questions:

**Who makes up my family?**

**What do I look like?**

**Which body parts do I know?**

**Where do I live?**

**What is near the school?**

**What do children like at the playground?**

**What tree is my class named after and what do I know about it?**

**How can I use different resources to produce a self portrait?**

**What is the link between my body and my senses?**

**What are the names of our local streets?**

**Where are our local parks?**

**Which resources can I use to design a playground?**

We would appreciate if you could send in a photograph of your home and a photograph of your family by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September** so we can use it in class.

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

### Playground:

We are in the process of updating the KS1 playground for children to use at playtime, lunchtime and as part of their lessons outdoors. We hope this will be a fantastic space to help the children investigate, learn and enjoy. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate, please drop these at the Birch class door for Miss Wolstencroft.

- Toys for our sand and water trays
- Spades and digging equipment for our bark area
- Outdoor storage of any kind
- Materials for den building (wooden pallets, milk crates, tyres, off cuts of decking, logs)
- Cushions/bean bags for the reading area

We have been kindly donated some playhouse panels which we would like to turn into a playhouse, if anyone in our school community is able to donate their time to place a simple wooden roof on top please let us know.

Please make sure siblings are supervised during the start and end of the school day and that the playground resources and equipment are left alone.

### 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>