


Year 2 Spring 2 Term Class Newsletter



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring 2! We are so proud of what the children achieved in Spring 1 term and are looking forward to extending their learning even more. We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on your child's learning this term and to provide you with some useful information.

Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:	Best ways to communicate with us:
<p> Mrs Arlow – Cedar Class teacher Mrs Hill – Willow Class teacher Mrs Davis – Support Class teacher – mornings Mrs Aghimien – Phonics Teaching Assistant Mrs Plummer – KS1 Teaching Assistant Mr Hibbit – Apex Sports Coach (PE) Mrs Petrof - Higher Level Teaching Assistant Ms Hoare –Higher Level Teaching Assistant </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter @CTS_Watford @Emma5Hills @MrsArlowCTS • Marvellous Me – make sure you have downloaded the App so you can see messages and badges that are sent regularly. • Class door – catch us before or after school • Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher. • Please remember that the school office is closed and will also be by appointment only.
<p>Reading at Cherry Tree:</p> <p>At 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. 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>Please let us know if you are free to volunteer to listen to children read.</p>	<p>The School Day and Key Dates:</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>PE is on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings. Children will change at school. They may leave their PE kit at school on a Monday. Please make sure your children always have their kit in school.</p> <p>End of Spring term is Thursday 28th March @ 1.30pm.</p>
<p>Home Learning:</p> <p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children practise some Maths skills throughout the week (Times Table Rockstars/ NumBots) • Children read with an adult for a minimum of 5 minutes every day. They can read their school book <u>or</u> share a book (even online books, recipes, instructions, shopping lists, letters, postcards, newspapers). Please record any reading in the reading record. • Children should practise reading and writing the Year 2 common exception words at home. • A 'Homework Menu' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Please email/ tweet or bring in work to share whenever it is completed. 	
<p>Our theme this term is... How does nature inspire authors and artists?</p> <p>During this half term we are looking at what fairy tales are and why they have been historically influential. We will be exploring rewrites and focussing on how artists and illustrators express themselves through different styles, which will link to our history and geography focus of learning about where an artist is from and what it was like when they were alive. In PSHE, we are learning about healthy habits. In Science, we are learning about how plants grow.</p>	
<p>Useful links to support your child's learning:</p> <p> https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ https://www.purplemash.com/login/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/ https://ttrockstars.com/ https://login.mathletics.com/ https://play.numbots.com/#/intro </p>	