



Year 1 Spring 1 Class Newsletter



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on your child's learning this half term and to provide you with some information. If you wish to speak with us, please catch us at the classroom doors after school or make an appointment to see us with the office. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

<p>Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:</p> <p>Miss Wolstencroft- Birch Class Teacher and KS1 Phase Leader Mrs Gornall- Maple Class Teacher Mrs Aghimien- KS1 TA Mrs Plummer- KS1 TA Mrs Sulaman- Higher Level Teacher Assistant Ms Petrof – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mr Hibbit – Sports Coach Mrs Majid – SEND TA Miss Andrew- SEND TA</p>	<p>Best ways to communicate with us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class door – catch up after school • Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher. • Marvellous Me • Twitter <p>We will be sharing the amazing things we do in school on Twitter. @MissWCTS @CTS_Watford, @MrsGornallCTS</p> <p>If you are not sure of your log in details for Marvellous Me! Please ask.</p>
<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.</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 should 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>The School Day and Key Dates:</p> <p>Doors will open 8.49am Doors will be locked at 9.00am. Register will be taken before 9am. After 9am take your child to the office School will finish at 3.15pm</p> <p>Thursday 4th January- School begins Friday 12th January- Visit from Animal Edge farm Tuesday 17th/ Wednesday 18th January- Parents/ Guardian consultation evening</p>
<p>PE and Outdoor learning</p> <p>PE is usually on a Wednesday but we do expect the children to have their PE kits in every day. 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> <p>We will be learning outdoors every day. Our outdoor learning 'forest school' lesson will usually be on a Monday. Children should have a coat and wellies left at school.</p> 	
<p>Home Learning:</p> <p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children read every day with an adult who records this in the orange reading record book. • Children to use Numbots to practise Maths at home throughout the week • A 'Home learning Menu' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Children should complete 5 home learning tasks each half term (1 a week). These should be completed by the child and be brought back to school for our home learning sharing on the last week. 	

Our themes this term are...

During this half term we will be investigating **What is life like on a farm?**

In **Science** we will identify common animals and group them in different ways. In **Geography** we will use basic vocabulary to describe key features of a farm and where we find them. We will also practise our chronological skills in **History** to sequence a day in the life of a farmer. In **English** lessons our writing will be based on fiction and non-fiction texts about farms. We will look at portraits of animals in **Art** lessons. We will build our own tractors and explore mechanics in **D&T**. We will sing songs in **Music**, learn basic **Spanish** greetings and use the chrome books in **Computing**.

Useful links to support your child's learning:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/35341>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35341>