## Year 1 Autumn 2 Class Newsletter



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.

Adults who will be working with your children this	Best ways to communicate with us:
half term are:	
Miss K Wolstencroft- Birch Teacher Mrs P Davis- Maple Teacher Miss J Adams - KS1 TA Miss H Holden - KS1 TA Mrs A Fisher – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Ms M Petrof – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mr O Hibbit – Sports Coach Mrs S Ali – SEND TA Miss T Donald – SEND TA Mrs A Myudeen – SEND TA	<ul> <li>Class door – catch up after school</li> <li>Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher.</li> <li>We will be sharing the amazing things we do in school on Twitter.</li> <li>@CTS_Watford,</li> <li>@MissWCTS</li> <li>@MrsDavisCTS</li> </ul>
Reading at Cherry Tree:	The School Day and Key Dates:
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.	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
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.  (This can include online books, recipes, instructions, shopping lists, letters, postcards, newspapers as well as stories).	Autumn 2 term begins- Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November Maths Week- 4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> November Book Fair- 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> November Anti- Bullying Week- 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December- Trip to Windsor Castle Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December- Last day of term- School finishes at 13:30 Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January- School begins

### **PE and Outdoor learning**

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.

We are practising getting changed quickly and putting our clothes away. Please make sure <u>all uniform</u> is labelled and children have a chance to practise changing at home to speed up this process!

We will be learning outdoors every day. Children should have a coat and wellies left at school.

#### **Home Learning:**

It is expected that...

- 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 Why do Kings and Queens live in a castle?

In **History** we will learn about some famous Kings and Queens of England. We will also find out about famous castles and how they were built. In **Science** we will find out about different materials. Our **Writing** will be based on stories and poems about castles. We will look at portraits of Monarchs and paintings of castles in **Art** lessons. We will design and build moving drawbridges for castles in **D&T**. In **RE** we will explore how Christians celebrate Christmas and think about what gifts we give at special times. We will sing songs in **Music**, learn basic **Spanish** greetings and use the Chromebooks or iPads 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/35341https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35341