

Year 5 Autumn 2 Term Class Newsletter



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! Hope you had a restful half term. 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.

Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:	Best ways to communicate with us:
Miss McCafferty - Pine Class Teacher Miss Butt - Fir Class Teacher Ms Putman – Year 5 Support Staff Mrs Fisher – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mr Chauhan – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Shah – SEN TA Ms Petrof – Art Specialist Mr Hibbit – Sports Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twitter @CTS_Watford @MissMcCCTS @MissButtCTS• Class door – catch us before or after school• Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher.
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, gives them 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 should be brought into school each day along with their reading book. We request that parents sign or initial their child's reading record at least four times a week.	Doors will open 8.45am Register will be taken between 8.50am and 9am. Lessons commence at 9.00am. School will finish 3.15pm PE kits must be in school at all times. We will be doing PE throughout the week. End of Term: Friday 20 th December 2024 at 1:30pm.
Home Learning:	
It is expected that... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children practise their spellings and times tables throughout the week• Children read to an adult at home at least 4 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading record• Homework is completed on time and to a high standard As well as this, a 'Homework Menu' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. The children will have a set number of activities to choose from to complete over the weeks. This is due in during the last week of the half term.	
Our themes this term are...	
During this half term we will be investigating 'Who invited the Vikings?' In Geography we will be discovering where the Vikings originated from and where they settled. In History , we will look at why the Vikings invaded, and how their era came to an end. In Writing lessons, we will be exploring narratives linked to our book 'Odd and the Frost Giants'. We will continue revising and exploring strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in Maths , as well as beginning to explore fractions. Forces will be our topic in Science this half term. Our focus will be Christianity in RE and coding in Computing . In Spanish , our topic is the date, and with Mrs Petrof in D&T , the children will be building longhouses.	
Useful links to support your child's learning:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://www.pobble365.com/ (talk/write about the picture of the day)• https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button• https://ttrockstars.com/• https://www.purplemash.com/login/	

Please remember that we are a 'NUT FREE' school'. All snacks and packed lunches brought in from home **must not** contain any form of nuts. We have many children with us who are severely allergic to nuts and could experience extreme allergic reactions. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.