





Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! We are so pleased to have the children back, they have settled brilliantly and have really got stuck into their learning this term. We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on your child's learning this 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:
<p>Mrs Arlow – Ash Class teacher Miss Merrill – Yew Class teacher</p> <p>Ms Hoare- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Petrof- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mr Littleboy- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Harrison- Teaching Assistant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter @CTS_Watford @MrsArlowCTS @MissMerrillCTS • 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.
Reading at Cherry Tree:	The School Day and Key Dates:
<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>Drop off and pick up time – Please ensure you are on time. School begins at 08:50 and ends at 15:15.</p> <p>PE is on Tuesday but we do expect the children to have their PE kits in every day.</p> <p>October half term – Monday 25th October – 28th October 2022.</p> <p>We are a 'nut free' school as some children have severe nut allergies. Please check snacks and lunch boxes are 'nut free'.</p>
Home Learning:	
<p>Home learning will be sent home this Friday. Going forward it will be sent home at the end of the first week of each half term.</p> <p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children practise their spellings and times tables throughout the week • Spellings will be practised in the Home Learning Book and this will need to be brought in to school every other week. • Children read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading record • Homework is completed on time and to a high standard • A homework book will be given to your child in which they can record their home learning. Please complete Home Learning Menu tasks in the back of the book. • We will share and celebrate everyone's home learning during the final week of the half term. <p>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 Wednesday 19th October in the last week of the half term.</p>	
Our themes this term is...	
<p>What evidence of Roman settlement can be found in St Albans?</p> <p>During this topic we will be exploring the history and geography around St Albans and identifying landmarks to help us answer this question. In Science, we will be exploring Sound.</p> 	
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/ • https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk 	