




Dear Parents/Carers,

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.

If you wish to speak with us, please catch us at the classroom doors in the morning or 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 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"> <li>• Twitter @CTS_Watford @MrsArlowCTS @MissMerrillCTS</li> <li>• Marvellous Me – make sure you have downloaded the App so you can see messages and badges that are sent regularly.</li> <li>• Class door – catch us before or after school</li> <li>• Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher.</li> </ul>
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. <b>School begins at 08:50 and ends at 15:15.</b></p> <p><b>PE</b> is on <b>Tuesday</b> but we do expect the children to have their PE kits in every day.</p> <p><u>End of Term holiday</u> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. School resumes on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</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"> <li>• Children practise their spellings and times tables throughout the week</li> <li>• Children read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading record</li> <li>• Homework is completed on time and to a high standard</li> <li>• A homework book will be given to your child in which they can record their home learning. Please keep this at home until all homework tasks have been completed for the half term.</li> <li>• We will share and celebrate everyone's home learning during the final week of the half term.</li> </ul> <p>As well as this, a '<b>Homework Menu</b>' 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 <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> in the last week of the half term.</p>	
Our themes this term is...	
<p>The Roman Empire</p> <p>This half term we will be looking at the Roman Empire and Roman Britain. Our Science topic is Teeth and Digestion.</p>	
Useful links to support your child's learning:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.pobble365.com/">http://www.pobble365.com/</a> (<b>talk/write about the picture of the day</b>)</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://ttrockstars.com/">https://ttrockstars.com/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.purplemash.com/login/">https://www.purplemash.com/login/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk</a></li> </ul>	