











Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We are now in a new year and in our first Spring half term. There is plenty of wonderful learning to look forward to. We are looking forward to our new learning adventures that await us.

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.

<p>Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:</p>	<p>Best ways to communicate with us:</p>
<p>Mrs Lawrence – Yew Class teacher (Fridays – Ms Hoare- Higher Level Teaching Assistant) Mr Saddler –Ash Class teacher Ms Hoare- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Petrof- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mr Littleboy- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Harrison- Teaching Assistant Miss Hendy- SEN Teaching Assistant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter @CTS_Watford @MrsLawrenceCTS @MrSaddlerCTS  • 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.
<p>Reading at Cherry Tree:</p>	<p>The School Day and Key Dates:</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. 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>Home Learning:</p>	
<p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children practise their spellings and times tables throughout the week. We recommend using TTRockstars to practise times tables • Children read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading record.  • 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. • Homework is completed on time and to a high standard. • We will share and celebrate everyone's home learning during the final week of the half term. 	
<p>The 'Homework Menu' will be sent home at the beginning of the half term. The children will have a set number of activities to choose from to complete over the weeks. This is due on the Wednesday 9th February, in the last week of the half term.</p>	
<p>Our themes this term are ...</p>	
<p>How does water change form?</p> 	<p>States of Matter</p> <p>SOLID Liquid GAS </p>
<p>Useful links to support your child's learning:</p>	
<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://trockstars.com/ • https://www.purplemash.com/login/ • https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk 