


# Year 2 Spring 1 Term Class Newsletter



**CHERRY TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring 1! We are so proud of what the children achieved in Autumn term and are looking forward to extending their learning even more. We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on your child's learning this term and to provide you with some useful information.

<p><b>Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:</b></p>	<p><b>Best ways to communicate with us:</b></p>
<p><b>Miss Khan</b> – Cedar Class teacher  <b>Miss Meldau</b> – Willow Class teacher  <b>Miss Fletcher</b> – KS1 Teaching Assistant  <b>Mrs Irwin</b> – KS1 Teaching Assistant  <b>Mrs Aghimien</b> – Phonics Teaching Assistant</p> <p><b>Mr Littleboy</b> – Higher Level Teaching Assistant  <b>Mr Hibbit</b> – Apex Sports Coach (PE)  <b>Mrs Petrof</b> - Higher Level Teaching Assistant  <b>Ms Hoare</b> –Higher Level Teaching Assistant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twitter @CTS_Watford @MissKhanCTS @MissMeldauCTS</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> <li>• Please remember that the school office is closed and will also be by appointment only.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reading at Cherry Tree:</b></p>	<p><b>The School Day and Key Dates:</b></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>Please let us know if you are free to volunteer to listen to children read.</p>	<p>Doors will open at <b>8:50am</b>. Please be prompt as we have busy fingers between <b>8:50am</b> and <b>9:00am</b>. Our first lesson starts at 9:00am.          School will finish at <b>3.15pm</b>.</p> <p>PE is only on Mondays and Fridays and children will change at school. They may leave their PE kit at school on a Monday.</p> <p>End of Spring 1 is 10<sup>th</sup> February @ <b>3.15pm</b></p>
<p><b>Home Learning:</b></p>	
<p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children practise some <b>Maths</b> skills throughout the week (Times Table Rockstars/ NumBots)</li> <li>• Children <b>read</b> with an adult for a minimum of 5 minutes every day. They can read their school book <b>or</b> share a book (even online books, recipes, instructions, shopping lists, letters, postcards, newspapers). Please record any reading in the reading record.</li> <li>• Children should practise reading and writing the Year 2 common exception words at home.</li> <li>• A '<b>Homework Menu</b>' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Please email/ tweet or bring in work to share whenever it is completed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Our theme this term is... Is space exploration important?</b></p>	
<p>During this half term we will be investigating how our world works. To understand this we will be investigating space exploration and why it is important. We will study how space travel changed history and how rockets get into space. We will learn about key figures such as Neil Armstrong and what the purpose of exploring space is. In Science we will be investigating what living things need to survive.</p>	
<p><b>Useful links to support your child's learning:</b></p>	
<p><a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/</a>      <a href="https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/">https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/</a>      <a href="https://www.purplemash.com/login/">https://www.purplemash.com/login/</a>  <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/</a>      <a href="https://ttrockstars.com/">https://ttrockstars.com/</a>      <a href="https://login.mathletics.com/">https://login.mathletics.com/</a>  <a href="https://play.numbots.com/#/intro">https://play.numbots.com/#/intro</a></p>	