



# Cherry Tree Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have arrived at the final half term in nursery. This is a time of mixed emotions for the staff because we know the work we do now is about getting the children ready to leave us and settle in reception. It is rewarding for us to see how much your children have grown as individuals, how much they have developed during their time with us and how ready they are for the move. We are sure that you are just as proud of them as we are. It is also very comforting to know that since we share the outdoor area with the reception classes we will be able to see many of our little 'Berries' growing into independent Conkers and Acorns next year.

The themes in Nursery for this coming half term will be; *Growing, Transport and Travel, Road Safety, Holidays, Sports Week and Getting Ready for Reception.*

## Activities

- After learning about the life cycle of a butterfly last half term we will be receiving caterpillars this week in the hope that we will be able to watch them change into butterflies. We will re-read, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and use this story to help the children learn and sequence the days of the week and practise their counting skills.
- We will continue to study the letters in sets 1 -s/a/t/p/i/n, 2 -i/n/m/d, and 3 -g/o/c/k of the Letters and Sounds phonic programme. Free games are available online at [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) to help consolidate learning.
- We will learn how to form the letters correctly and practise writing and reading some simple words made up from these letters. i.e. pig, dog, cat, hat etc
- In class we will also begin looking at the Oxford Reading Tree scheme reading books together, so that the children are familiar with the characters. There are some fun learning activities to support this that you can explore at home on the following website: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-site/fun-ideas/age-3-4--2>

There is a Transport and Travel 'moment from home sheet'. If you have the opportunity to travel anywhere by personal or public transport then maybe you could take some photos or draw some pictures to accompany a few words about your journey/experience. Children can share their work in a 'Show and Tell' session on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

Once again we thank you for all your hard work and support.

The Nursery Team

**Learning Together**  
Learning for Life