



# Year 1 Spring 2 Class Newsletter



**CHERRY TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on your child's learning this half term and to provide you with some information. If you wish to speak with us, please catch us at the classroom doors after school or make an appointment to see us with the office. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

<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 K Wolstencroft</b>- Birch Teacher  <b>Mrs P Davis</b>- Maple Teacher  <b>Miss J Adams</b> - KS1 TA  <b>Miss H Holden</b> - KS1 TA  <b>Mrs A Fisher</b> – Higher Level Teaching Assistant  <b>Ms M Petrof</b> – Higher Level Teaching Assistant  <b>Mr O Hibbit</b> – Sports Coach  <b>Mrs S Ali</b> – SEND TA  <b>Miss T Donald</b> – SEND TA  <b>Mrs A Myudeen</b> – SEND TA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class door – catch up after school</li> <li>• Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher.</li> </ul> <p>We will be sharing the amazing things we do in school on Twitter.          @CTS_Watford,          @MissWCTS          @MrsDavisCTS</p>
<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.</p> <p>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 should be brought into school each day.</p>  <p>(This can include online books, recipes, instructions, shopping lists, letters, postcards, newspapers as well as stories).</p>	<p>Doors will open 8.44am Doors will be locked at 9.00am.          Register will be taken before 9am.</p> <p>After 9am take your child to the office          School will finish at 3.15pm</p> <p>w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Book Week          Dress up- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March          Hook a book- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March (From 8:44am)          Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parent Open Classroom</p>
<p><b>PE and Outdoor learning</b></p>	
<p>PE is usually on a Wednesday but we do expect the children to have their PE kits in every day. All PE kit should be named and left in school on your child's peg. It can be taken home at half term to be washed.</p> <p>We are practising getting changed quickly and putting our clothes away. Please make sure <b>all uniform</b> is labelled and children have a chance to practise changing at home to speed up this process!</p> <p>We will be learning outdoors every day. Children should have a coat and wellies left at school.</p> 	
<p><b>Home Learning:</b></p>	
<p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children read every day with an adult who records this in the orange reading record book.</li> <li>• Children to use Numbots to practise Maths at home throughout the week</li> <li>• A 'Home learning Menu' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Children should complete 5 home learning tasks each half term (1 a week). These should be completed by the child and be brought back to school for our home learning sharing on the last week.</li> </ul>	

**Our themes this term are...**

During this half term we will be investigating **Is nature creative?**

We will be learning about famous artists who are inspired by nature in **Art** lessons. We will look at artists who use printing techniques to create patterns to reflect nature. In **Science** we will develop an understanding of common plants and flowers and how they change over the year. In **English** lessons our writing will be based on stories and poems about nature and growing plants. In **Forest School** we will practise our forest school skills and learn about the festival of Easter in **RE**. We will listen to "What a wonderful world" by Louis Armstrong in **Music**

**Useful links to support your child's learning:**

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/>

<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/35341>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35341>