

Year 5 Spring 1 Term Class Newsletter



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break! We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on what your child will be learning this term and to provide you with some updates.

<p>Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:</p>	<p>Best ways to communicate with us:</p>
<p>Miss McCafferty - Pine Class Teacher Miss Butt - Fir Class Teacher Mrs Fisher – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Ms Petrof – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mr Hibbit – Sports Coach Miss Putman – Year 5 TA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter @CTS_Watford @MissMcCCTS @MissButtCTS • 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, gives them 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 should be brought into school each day along with their reading book. We request that parents sign or initial their child’s reading record at least four times a week.</p>	<p>Doors will open 8.44am Register will be taken between 8.50am and 9am. Lessons commence at 9.00am. School will finish 3.15pm</p> <p>PE kits must be in school at all times. We will be doing PE throughout the week.</p> <p>End of half term: Friday 14th February 2025</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 • Children read to an adult at home at least 4 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading record • Homework is completed on time and to a high standard <p>As well as this, a ‘Homework Menu’ 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 during the last week of the half term.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Our themes this term are...</p>	
<p>During this half term we will be investigating ‘How the Earth, Sun and Moon are linked?’ In history, we will be exploring the Space Race and Moon landings. In geography we will use Google Earth and digimaps to explore satellite images and in science we will learn the order of the planets and their features, about the movement of the planets and the Moon. Our writing will link to the story ‘Hidden Figures’, writing non-chronological reports about NASA. We will continue exploring fractions in Maths and our focus will be Christianity in RE. In Spanish, our topic is traditions and celebrations, and with Mrs Petrof in D&T, the children will be building Mars Rovers.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">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/ 	

Please remember that we are a ‘**NUT FREE**’ school’. All snacks and packed lunches brought in from home **must not** contain any form of nuts. We have many children with us who are severely allergic to nuts and could experience extreme allergic reactions. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.