

# Year 5 Spring 2 Term Class Newsletter



**CHERRY TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

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 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><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>Miss McCafferty – Pine Class Teacher Miss Butt – Fir Class Teacher Mrs Putman – Year 5 Teaching Assistant Mrs Fisher – Higher Level Teaching Assistant Ms Petrof – Specialist Art Teacher Mr Hibbit – Sports Coach Mrs Shah- SEN TA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twitter @CTS_Watford @MissMcCCTS @MissButtCTS</li> <li>• Class door – catch us before or after school</li> <li>• Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher.</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, 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 <b>8.44am</b> Register will be taken between <b>8.50am and 9am</b>. Lessons commence at <b>9.00am</b>. School will finish <b>3.15pm</b></p> <p>PE kits must be in school at all times. We will be doing PE throughout the week.</p> <p>Easter Holidays Break up for Easter holidays on <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 1.30pm</b>. Summer 1 begins on <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025</b>.</p>
<p><b>Home Learning:</b></p>	
<p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children practise their spellings and times tables throughout the week</li> <li>• Children read to an adult at home at least 4 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading record</li> <li>• Homework is completed on time and to a high standard</li> </ul> <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;"><b>Our themes this term are...</b></p>	
<p>During this half term we will be investigating '<b>Can you inspire a civilisation through sculpture?</b>' In <b>Science</b>, we will explore the properties of materials and how materials can be changed. In <b>writing</b> we will look at spooky stories after reading 'Room 13' and explore adding suspense to our narratives. In our <b>Theme</b> learning, we will explore what sculpture is and where artists get their inspiration. We will explore fractions decimals and percentages in our <b>Maths</b> lessons and in <b>RE</b> we will question how significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended for Jesus to die.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Useful links to support your child's learning:</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.pobble365.com/">http://www.pobble365.com/</a> (talk/write about the picture of the day)</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://ttrockstars.com/">https://ttrockstars.com/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.purplemash.com/login/">https://www.purplemash.com/login/</a></li> </ul>	

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.