


# Year 2 Spring 1 Term Class Newsletter



**CHERRY TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! 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 Roberts</b> – Cedar Class teacher  <b>Mrs Hill</b> – Willow Class teacher  <b>Mrs Plummer</b>– KS1 Teaching Assistant  <b>Mrs Herbert</b> – SEN Teaching Assistant (Willow)  <b>Mrs Petrof</b> - Higher Level Teaching Assistant  <b>Mr Hibbit</b> – PE Coach  <b>Mrs Fisher</b> – Higher Level Teaching Assistant</p> <p><b>Miss Whiting (Student in Willow Class)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twitter @CTS_Watford @Emma5Hills @MissRobertsCTS</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>• Email: admin@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk</li> </ul> <p><b>We are a 'nut free' school as some children have severe nut allergies. Please check snacks and lunch boxes are 'nut free'.</b></p>
<p><b>Reading at Cherry Tree:</b></p>	<p><b>The School Day and Key Dates:</b></p>
<p><b>Our Pledge:</b>          At Cherry Tree we strive to ensure our children 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.</p> <p><b>Please can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read with your child every day at home.</li> <li>• Encourage them to read independently</li> <li>• Keep a log of their reading in their Reading Record and send this into school each day.</li> <li>• Encourage them to take notice of writing in the outdoor environment</li> </ul> 	<p>Doors will open 8.44am          Register will be taken before 8.55am          Doors will be locked at 8.55am.          After 8.55am take your child to the office          School will finish 3.15pm</p> <p>PE kits must be in school at all times. We will be doing PE on Tuesday afternoons.</p> <p><b>Parents Evenings – 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b></p> <p><b>Individual School Photos – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b></p> <p>We have an <b>animal workshop</b> coming into school on <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>.</p> <p>The end of this school term falls on <b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>. We will be finishing school at <b>3:15 pm</b> this day.</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 (Mathletics/ 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 will have weekly spellings to learn. Please help your child to practise <b>every day</b> for the <b>Friday</b> tests.</li> <li>• A '<b>Homework Menu</b>' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Please email or bring in work to share whenever it is completed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Our theme this term is... How do living things survive in their habitat?</b></p>	
<p>During this half term, we will be learning about how different animals survive in their habitats. We will be exploring the different climate zones, the different types of habitats in the local area and across the world as well as exploring how animals have adapted to these environments.</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://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.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>	