Autumn Term

Cherry Blossom Class

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have had a lovely break. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term filled with lots of learning, exploring and fun.

Here's a little look at what we will be getting up to this half term

School Start Time



Just a little reminder that school starts at 8:45 am. Please make sure children arrive on time and are ready to start their learning.

Maths-Place Value

This half term, both Year 1 and Year 2 will be following the White Rose Maths scheme.

Our focus will be Place Value, where the children will be developing their understanding of numbers, counting and the value of different digits.

We will be using lots of practical activities, games and equipment to make our Maths engaging and fun.

English and Handwriting

Our English learning will continue to develop children's reading, writing, spelling and language skills. We will be focussing on Little Wandle Handwriting during the autumn term helping the children to develop near, confident letter formation and handwriting habits.

Phonics

We will continue with our Little Wandle phonics programme-please see the school website for more information.

The children will be working hard to develop their phonics knowledge, blending and reading skills. They will learn and revisit graphemes (the group of letters we see) and the phonemes (the sounds we hear) they represent. We will practise saying sounds clearly, blending sounds together to read words and segmenting words into sounds to support spelling and writing.

Children will also recognise tricky words, which cannot always be read by sounding out in the usual way. Regular practise will help them to read more fluently and confidently. For information about sounds your child will be learning, how we pronounce them and how you can support phonics at home, please visit the school website. You will find further Little Wandle information.

Reading

We follow the Little Wandle reading scheme. Children will have three reading lessons a week, with each lesson having a different focus.

Decoding

Reading the words accurately.

Prosody

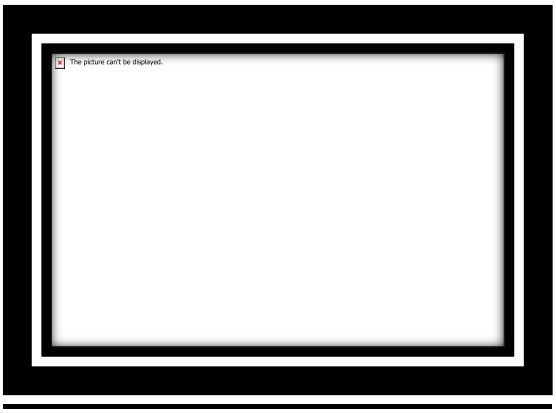
Reading with expression and fluency

Comprehension

Understanding and talking about what they have read.

Please continue to re-read the book at home with your child. This is really important to develop confidence and fluency.

Please return reading books on Monday so that the next group and enjoy them.



History

The Great Fire of London



Our topic this half term is the Great Fire of London. We will be finding out what happened in 1666, why the fire spread so quickly and what life was like in London at the time. We will also explore how London changed following the fire. We are looking forward to lots of historical learning.

Science

The Human Body and Senses

In Science, we will be learning about the human body and our five senses.

We will explore sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste investigating how our senses help us understand and explore the world around us.

There will be lots of opportunity for practical investigations and fun experiments!

Music

Dynamics and By the Seaside

In music, we will be following the Kapow scheme.

Our learning will include dynamics and the theme0By the Sea.

We will be exploring different sounds, volume and musical ideas while developing our listening, singing and performing skills.

Art



We will experimenting with different types of lines, patterns, and mark-making. We will also be studying the work of the artist Bridget Riley, exploring how she used lines, shapes and patterns to create striking art work.

Forest School-Tuesday Afternoons

We will be enjoying lots of outdoor learning, exploring nature and developing our practical skills. Please make sure children come prepared for the weather, as we will be outside whatever the season brings!

PE

PE is on Wednesday Afternoons.

Please make sure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on **Wednesdays**. We will be developing our movement, coordination and physical skills while having lots of fun.

A Big Thank You

We really look forward to a fantastic half term together. Thank you, as always for your continued support with reading, home learning and helping your children come to school ready to learn.

For further information about PSHE and health education, please visit the relevant section of the school website. This will provide more information

about the topics we cover and how we support children's personal, social, emotional and physical development. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things the children achieve this half term

Best Wishes

Mrs Cuthill

