

Reception Cherry Class Newsletter Autumn term

Dear parent/carer,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Cherry Class! We are so pleased with how all of the children have settled, are making new friends and learning our class rules. We are looking forward to a busy term of learning and exciting new experiences. Here are a few things you may like to know about our learning and key dates/events.

Learning Journeys

In reception each child has an individual learning journey containing photographs, work and observations of their achievements and progress. These will be shared with parents/carers regularly. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning or would like to view their learning journey please speak to Miss Furlong.

P.E.

We will have our physical education lessons on Mondays, starting from next week. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit: Black tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, black trainers or plimsolls all clearly marked with their name. These can be kept in a bag on their peg.

Reading records

The children will take home a story book of their choosing and a reading book linked to the phonics teaching each week to provide valuable opportunities for you to read together at home. These will be changed once a week. Parents are asked to please make a note in their reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record and book inside every day.

WOW Cards

We will be sending each child home with a superhero WOW card. These are for you to complete and return to class anytime your child does something to make you say wow, for example sleeping in their own bed, helping at home, counting to 100 or reading their book independently. Children will have the opportunity to share their wow cards with the class to celebrate their achievement. These will also contribute to the children's individual learning journal where we record your child's development and progress. When you have written down your child's WOW moment, please hand the vouchers to the class teachers.

'All about Me' bags

As part of our topic this term we will be sending home a white paper bag with each child. We ask that you help them to fill this bag with items that show your child's interests, experiences and family for them to share with the class. Items may include drawings/crafts, photographs of them with family or at a special place and items of importance. They are also able to decorate the bag if they so wish. These will help us to get to know the children and provide an opportunity for them to build confidence in sharing things of importance with their friends. Please bring these in as soon as they are ready and they will be returned at the end of term.

Reading Together Friday Mornings

Every Friday morning from 9.00 to 9.20 parents/carers are invited to come and read with us in the class. This is a lovely opportunity to share some of the books we have been looking at in class and see your child enjoy themselves at school.

Meet the teacher

On Monday the 24th of September at 3.40 there will be a meeting for all reception parents in order to share key information regarding the early years curriculum, we hope you can make it.

Harvest

There will be a harvest assembly on the 27th of September in which we will perform a short song with all parents/carers invited.

Jeans for Gene's day

On Friday the 21st of September children are able to wear jeans to school for a donation of £1 which will help provide vital care and support for thousands of children with life-altering genetic disorders.

MacMillan Cake Sale

On the 28th of September the school will be hosting a cake sale with all proceeds going to MacMillan. Cakes will be available in the morning from 8.30 - 9.00 and after school from 3.30- 4.

Black History Month

In October the school will be taking part black history month. In cherry class we will be looking at the book 'So much' by Trish Cooke and Helen Oxenbury. There will be a school assembly to conclude the month, date to follow.

Nunhead library visit

We will be visiting Nunhead library on the 4th of October to listen to a story. We will be asking for parent volunteers to support the children walking to and from the library.

Autumn walk

The class will be taking part in an autumn walk in order to learn about and observe the seasonal changes. This will take place on Thursday the 11th of October in Telegraph Hill Park. Parents/carers will be invited to come along and join in the fun!

Parents' lunch

On Wednesday 17th October parents/carers are invited to have lunch in the school with their child, more details to follow.

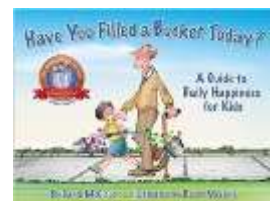
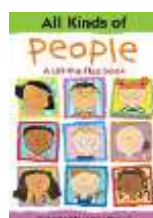
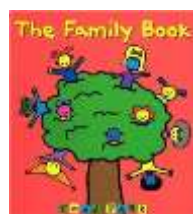
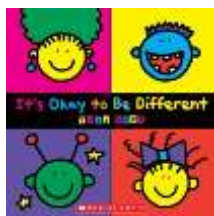
Parents evening

This will take place in the last week of term and will provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss children's progress and learning targets.

Please check the notice board in the reception playground for information and key dates

Term will finish on Friday the 19th of October and school will resume on Tuesday the 30th of October.

Our Learning This Term



This term our topic will be 'Marvellous Me!' in order to help us get to know the children and to support them in making friends and settling into class routines.

Within our topic we will be covering the 7 areas of the Early Years Curriculum as outlined below.

Prime Areas: these underpin development in all areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional

This includes: Making relationships, Self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feelings and behaviour. This term we will be learning the school rule and routines and making friends. There will be opportunities for children to share their key interests, likes and dislikes, to understand that everyone is unique and special, to discuss our families.

Physical Development

This includes: Moving and handling, health and self-care.

We will be learning to move confidently in a variety of different ways and taking part in a variety of games and activities involving negotiating space and following rules.

Communication and Language

This includes: Listening and attention, understanding and speaking.

Children will be listening to a variety of topic related stories and have opportunities to contribute to class discussions.

Specific areas: these are essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

Literacy

This includes: Reading, and writing (phonics is included alongside both these areas).

We will be introducing phase 2 phonics in which the children learn the letter sound S, A, T, P, I and N as well as the trick words the, I, to, no and go. We will be making 'all about me' books for the children to write and draw about themselves and their families.

Mathematics

Includes: Number and shape, space and measure.

We will be focussing on our number skills, including recognising and ordering numbers, counting accurately and matching number and quantity.

Understanding the World

This includes: Understanding about people and communities, the world and technology.

We will be looking at the seasonal changes of autumn, sharing our interests and experiences with our classmates and recalling special times and celebrations with our family.

Expressive Arts and Design

This includes: Exploring and using media and materials, Music, singing and dance, drama and being imaginative.

Children will be painting self and family portraits and taking part in role play activities. We will be singing familiar nursery rhymes as well as learning some new songs and dances.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please arrange to speak to Miss Furlong.

Thank you

Miss Furlong (class teacher) and Miss Linton (learning support assistant)