

Reception Cherry Class Newsletter Spring term 2019

Dear parent/carer,

We hope you had a restful break. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here are a few things you may like to know about our learning and key dates/events.

Punctuality and attendance

We have noticed a number of pupils arriving late in the mornings. School starts at **8:55 AM** sharp and it is extremely important that children arrive at this time. Arriving late is disruptive to all students and means they miss valuable learning time. It is also imperative that children attend school every day, unless too ill to do so.

Water bottles

As the weather gets warmer, we encourage you to provide your child with a named water bottle each day. This will allow them to access water throughout the day.

P.E.

We will have our physical education lessons on **Mondays**. 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 at least 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 continuing to send home superhero WOW cards. 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.

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.

Class trip

We will be going on a class trip to New Cross Fire Station on Friday the 1st of March. We will be leaving the school to walk to the fire station at 9.30 and returning to school for 11.30. If you would like to accompany us on this visit please speak to Miss Furlong.

World book day

World book day will be on Thursday the 7th of March. Throughout this week there will be a

variety of wonderful activities to promote a love of books including a visit from the author Trish Cooke and a story box art project. On the 7th children may dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate.

Comic relief

On Friday the 15th of March it will be red nose day and the school will be taking part in fundraising activities, more details to follow.

Science week

Throughout the week beginning the 18th of March children across the school will be participating in a variety of fun, hands on activities to promote science! On the 22nd there will be a special science workshop in school.

Parents consultations

On Tuesday the 19th of March from 3.45- 7.00 and Wednesday the 20th of March 3.45- 6.00 we will be holding parent consultations. These are a valuable opportunity to discuss your children's learning and all parents must make an appointment. We will be sending out slips for parents to complete requesting a convenient time.

Nunhead library visit

We will be visiting Nunhead library on Thursday the 21st of March, leaving school at 2.00. Parents/carers are invited to come.

Class assembly

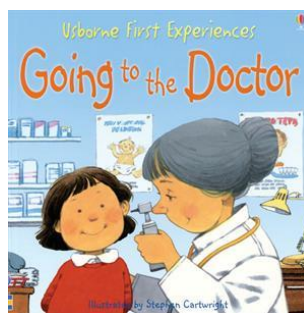
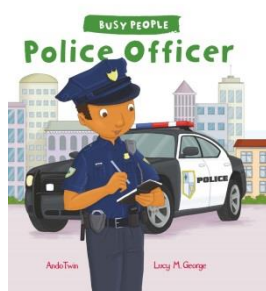
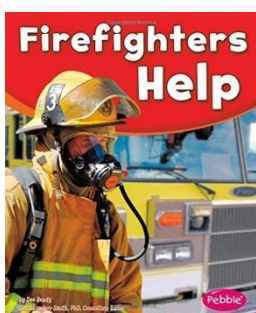
On Thursday the 28th of March Cherry class will be holding their class assembly! We will be showing off our best work, art and performing songs we have learnt for all parents/carers to see! The assembly starts at 9.20 sharp in the bottom hall; we hope you can make it!

Easter bonnet contest and Easter cakes fundraising

The Easter bonnet/garden contest will take place at the end of term, with entries to be brought in on Monday the 25th of March. There will be an Easter cake sale on Friday the 29th of March after school.

**Please note there will be no clubs in the week beginning 1st of April
The last day of term is Friday and 5th of April, school will be closing at 2.00
School resumes Wednesday the 24th of April.**

Our Learning This Term



This term our topic is **people who help us** in which the children will have opportunities to learn about a variety of important jobs, including: Fire fighters, doctors and nurses, police officers, vets, train and bus drivers and builders. Children will be learning about these different jobs through a variety of playful learning opportunities, information books and visits. Our classroom role play area will be transformed each week to reflect the job we are focusing on.

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 continuing to develop friendships, negotiating and turn taking. Children will have opportunities to learn about keeping themselves and others safe and how police and fire officers help us to do this.

Physical Development

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

We will be concentrating on our kicking skills including kicking a ball, stopping it with our feet and controlling it. We will also be developing our fine motor skills including letter formation, handwriting and using tools such as scissors.

Communication and Language

This includes: Listening and attention, understanding and speaking.

Children will be taking on different roles to act out jobs and develop stories collaboratively in the class role play area.

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 making fire safety posters, completing police reports, writing prescriptions for patients, writing facts and lists. As well as reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts about people who help us.

Mathematics

Includes: Number and shape, space and measure.

We will continue learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s through song. We will also be learning about capacity, ordering items by length and height, using positional language to make maps and

completing simple addition and subtraction sums.

Understanding the World

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

We will be looking at a variety of information books in order to learn about different jobs. We will carry out a floating and sinking investigation, using cameras to take photos and exploring ramps using small cars.

Expressive Arts and Design

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

We will be creating props to support our role play area including hats and badges as well as creating paintings and collages. We will continue our weekly music sessions.

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

Thank you

Miss Furlong (class teacher), Miss Elia (Early years practitioner), Miss Nicole (student) and Miss Jones (volunteer reader)