



Welcome back to Cherry Class.

It was an absolute joy to get to know the learners just before Easter, and I am excited for the term ahead!

Our topic this term is: *Caring for our Environment.*

We will be considering ways that we use our learning, home, leisure and community environments, our responsibilities and care towards these areas, and working towards improving our environments.

Please use the home / school book to give us any feedback about how your children are doing.

I am looking forward to getting to know you too, via our Parent Partnership meetings and during the Annual Reviews.

Best wishes, Sarah and the team — Tatianne, Amie, Gemma and Michelle.

Maths

Our three core areas of maths are:

- Number
- Measure, Shape and Space
- Data handling

This term our core focus is Number. We will be developing our skills in recognising and understanding the numbers all around us, and calculating with numbers.. All learning is linked to practical life skills and we will be applying these in our community. We will also develop our understanding of common measure in real life contexts, including time. We will also be data handling, practicing PINS, passwords and telephone numbers.

English

All of our learners have a reading book that they read regularly with an adult. As usual we are exploring a range of fiction and non fiction texts to support our *Love of Reading*.

We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction texts supporting our Independent Living and Life skills work; exploring letters, instructions and reviews.

We will be inviting visitors into school to talk about the ways that they help to care for the natural environment, and we also discuss appropriate topics in the news.

PSHE / RSE

Our PSHE unit for this half term is: ***The World I live in — Taking care of the environment.***

We will be developing our knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- The natural environment.
- Living things

This work helps us to identify some ways that the environment and wildlife is harmed by our choices, and how we can contribute towards protecting our environment, wildlife and each other.

Topics are always taught sensitively and according to the conceptual understanding and next steps aspirations of our learners.

Physical Education

This half term we are developing our skills to link physical movements together. We will focus on balancing, jumping and landing, and play lots of games to secure and practise our skills.

Outdoor Learning:

Learners will be out and about in our natural working on their horticulture skills and their horticulture skills, nurturing the plants we have growing in the Polytunnel and around school.

Expressive Arts:

We will use art, drama and song to support our learning across the curriculum.

Religious Education— We are learning about why we should look after the environment, and what different religions say about looking after our world and each other.

Active Citizenship — Learners play an active role engaging with others and helping out around school. Some will have more formal work experience with the extended school team.

→ **DON'T FORGET!**

PE is on Tuesday afternoon and Swimming has changed to **THURSDAY MORNINGS** — please remember to send in suitable PE and swimming kit. We will be changing for PE as an Independent Living life skill. We also need everyone to bring in a full wash kit, as Personal Care is a big part of our curriculum. This will remain in school and used regularly. We would also like to request a voluntary top up to parent pay for our DT / creativity projects. We suggest £5 per learner. We will be using this to practice developing and tasting recipes this term.

Cherry Class Team



Sarah
Teacher



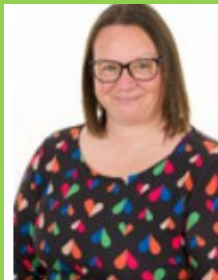
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Amie
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Class Fund

Thank you to all of you who contribute to our half-termly class fund, this supports us in our Cooking/ Design and Technology and Sensory Exploration lessons. If you are able to contribute please do so through Parent Pay the first / last week of half term. Donations of £5 per half term are much appreciated and help enrich learning.

Swimming / PE

Swimming: **Thursday am** / PE: Tuesday pm

Please remember to send in kit and incontinence wear if appropriate. Swimming is dependent on the PH levels of the pool being right and the water clean.

Personal Development

Learners continue to develop valuable life skills around personal care, preparing drinks and snacks and looking after the environment through our Active Citizenship provision. They are also encouraged to develop skills in engaging socially with their peers and unfamiliar others.

All learners in Cherry Class are also engaged in weekly outdoor learning and Forest School opportunities.

If there is a skill you would like us to support your child with please let us know via the home school book.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs)

PLGs will continue to be developed with our learners this half term with work on these prioritised towards Education, Health and Care Plan outcomes.

For updates, curriculum information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.

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