

Welcome back to Cherry class!



Theme for the term:

Our topic this term is Holidays.

Whilst learning about how holidays are celebrated around the world, we will also be thinking about our own holidays and learning valuable skills around this: planning, timetables, packing and itineraries.

Key texts

To support our Functional Skills, we will be reading a range of non-fiction texts including travel brochures, postcards and letters. We will continue to spend time in the library every week to promote and encourage reading for pleasure.



A Happy New Year to you all from Cherry Class! I hope you all enjoyed the holiday and have begun 2026 happily. This term will be another exciting one, filled with engaging learning opportunities, visitors coming into school and trips out into the community. We would welcome all support with our trip to Newquay Airport; please do contact me directly if you are able to join us for this visit. As part of this term's theme of holidays, we would very much like our learners to explore a range of traditions and cultures that form our own and our local school community; if you have a tradition that stems from your faith or cultural heritage and would be willing to share it with our learners, please do contact me directly: castle@doubletrees.org.uk

FOCUS SESSION - Emotional Literacy This year we have introduced Emotional Literacy within our weekly timetable. Emotional Literacy is the ability to recognise, understand, express, and manage feelings, and it plays a vital role in the well-being of children at Doubletrees School. It helps them make sense of their own emotions, understand others, and respond with empathy - skills that support positive relationships and effective communication.

In school, this means learning to express feelings in healthy ways and confidently navigate social situations. We can encourage emotional literacy through activities like role-play, storytelling, group discussions, and art, giving children the tools to share their feelings, connect with others, and thrive in a supportive community.

Key dates and reminders this term:

Tuesdays: P.E. - please provide a named t-shirt, shorts and trainers

Wednesdays: swimming - please provide a named swimming kit

Tuesday 3rd February - Newquay Airport group 1 visit **Wednesday 11th February** - Newquay Airport group 2 visit



Reminders

Cherry Team!



Clare - Cherry class teacher

Maria, Tatiane and Trevor
Cherry teaching assistants



HLTA
Lisa



Michelle-
midday supervisor



Key vocabulary this term

Some of the core words we will be using throughout our learning this term include:

- Holiday
- Planning
- Timetable
- Celebration
- Travel
- Packing
- Visit
- Public transport

Supporting Learning at Home:

Class fund: thank you to those who contribute £5 to our half-termly class fund as this supports us in our *Cooking/Design* and *Technology* lessons. If you are able to contribute, please do so through Parent Pay.

Home-School Communication: You can use your child's home-school book to share messages with us. We also welcome updates via *Evidence for Learning*—if you need help accessing this, please let us know through your child's diary.

Labelling Belongings: Clearly labelling clothing and equipment makes it much easier to return lost items.

Reading: Please encourage your child to read and explore their school reading book (and other books) at home. Share the reading experience with them.

Snacks: Please provide your child with a healthy snack to bring to school each day.

Water Bottles: Ensure your child brings a *named* water bottle to school each day.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs) Over the next few weeks, you'll receive your child's updated targets. These are linked to their EHCP objectives, as well as key curriculum goals in. If you have any questions—or if there's a particular area you feel we should focus on—please feel free to get in touch

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