

Cherry: Post 14 Team Newsletter Summer 1

Key dates

May / June

- College visits
- 1st May—Bank Holiday
- 2nd May—INSET
- 8th May—Bank Holiday
- 23rd May—Coronation

Welcome to summer in Cherry Class! We hope you have had a brilliant Easter Holiday. This term our class topic is 'In the News'. We will be learning about King Charles and celebrating his Coronation with a picnic that all of our parents and carers are invited to. We are also starting two *Personal Development* projects. The first is making daily 'Random acts of Kindness' to brighten everybody's lives. For the second we will be learning how all the small life style choices we make can have big impact, through our *Me and My Environment* work. Finally, for those who are moving on from Doubletrees and those who might be thinking about it soon, we have college visits lined up for May and June. You will receive more details once the dates have been confirmed. Best wishes, Rachel and the Cherry team.

Maths

Our three core areas of maths are:

- Number
- Measure, Shape and Space
- Data handling

This term the focus is Number and Measure, Shape and Space. We are continuing to work on number systems and calculations, including division for some learners. We will work also develop our understanding of common measure in real life contexts, including weight, volume & temperature, time and money.

Where appropriate, Maths continues to be taught according each learners' Accreditation Pathway.

- Personal Progress ASDAN

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*. These are linked to our personal development project: Me and my environment.

We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction texts supporting our Independent Living and Life skills work: recipes, instructions, invitations, adverts etc.

Where appropriate, English continues to be taught according to each learners' Accreditation Pathway.

- Personal Progress ASDAN
- Maths Functional Skills EDEXCEL

PSHE / RSE

Our PSHE unit for this half term is *The World I live in: Preparing for Adulthood*.

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

- Random Acts of Kindness
- My skills and personal qualities
- Travel safety
- Active Citizenship
- The world of work

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

PE

This half term we are exploring a range of team sports: football, basket ball and cricket.

Duke of Edinburgh:

Matt continues to work with Cherry, supporting learners with working towards their Bronze award.

Outdoor Learning:

Learners will be further developing their horticulture skills, nurturing the plants we have growing in the Polytunnel and around school.

Expressive Arts:

We will be exploring and recreating art & music linked to the Kings Coronation and the environment.

Religious Education— we will be explore religious attitudes to the natural world. This will be linked with the project work we are engaged in: looking after the environment.

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.

Swimming is on Wednesday afternoon and PE on Thursday afternoon — please remember to send in suitable swimming and PE kit/clothing. We will be changing for PE as on of the life skills to support us with our Independent Living learning. The If you have not done so already, please send in a wash kit. We will be using it daily to to develop confidence with personal care. Please top up parent pay with DT / creativity money before Friday 18th . We suggest £5 per learner. We will be using this to practice making delicious healthy treats for the King's Coronation Picnic.

→ DON'T FORGET!

Elm and Cherry



Rachel
Facey
Teacher



Matt
Nott
HLTA



Hannah
Toms
TA



Kerri
Coleman
TA



Alys
Pink
TA



Jo
Bolitho
TA

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 are much appreciated and help enrich learning.

Swimming / PE

Swimming: Tuesday pm / PE: Thursday pm

Please remember to send in kit. Swimming is dependent on the PH levels of the pool being right and the water clean. When this is not the case we may be able to make use of other time slots. A kit that can be left in school and sent home when used is use-

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 currently working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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.

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