

Cherry Group Curriculum Autumn 2016

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. This leaflet is just for your information regarding what your child will be learning in Autumn Term...

Our topic this term is *Houses and Homes*.

What we will do in school...	What you could do together at home...
Science We will be looking at the differences in materials used to create houses and homes as well as sorting items found in our homes and gardens.	Explore your homes and gardens together. Identify a range of different materials found around your home and identify what other living things you can discover in your garden.
Geography Cherry Group will be visiting local buildings, different types of houses and homes and exploring our local community. We will be exploring features of our own homes, and look at examples of homes around the world.	When you are out and about talk about what different houses look like e.g. a caravan, flats or a bungalow. Name the different rooms in your own home, and talk about their uses.
Communication and Literacy Cherry group will be listening to a variety of stories including Goldilocks and Three Little Pigs. We will also be working on linking letters and sounds based on the Jolly Phonics approach. We will be developing communication skills using colourful semantics to structure sentences.	Share books at home with your children. Encourage them to say what they see in pictures or repeat words. Act out stories e.g. huff and puff like a wolf, or build a house like a little pig. Encourage opportunities for mark making e.g. using a magna-doodle or scrap paper.
Art We will use materials in a variety of ways to create different effects, such as junk model houses. We will be creating collages and using paint and dough to represent characters from stories.	Talk to your children about how objects look and feel. Discuss things they like to touch and things they don't like the feel of. Encourage your children to be brave with their physical and sensory experiences. Explore playdough or plasticine.
PSHE Cherry group will be developing their understanding of feelings and emotions. We will be encouraging the children to identify and label how they are feeling, and offer them strategies to help them keep calm.	Label your child's emotions as they display them. For instance, tell them they look happy when they are smiling. Talk about how their favourite characters might be feeling when watching cartoons. Encourage your child to be as independent as possible when getting dressed and undressed.
Maths Cherry Group will be learning to rote count up to 20 and count sets of objects. We will be developing adding and subtraction skills in a practical context. We will be comparing amounts, shape and size.	Count with your child when you are out and about, eg how many people are in the room? How many bananas are in my shopping? Count whilst walking up and down steps. Count down until something is ready. Compare sizes - bigger or smaller? Build with bricks.



Swimming – every Wednesday

Holly Group will be going swimming at Woughton Pool on Wednesday mornings. Please send your child into school every Wednesday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- a named bag

Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep – please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly (breakfast can be arranged if needed).

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Rebecca, Jenny, Nicola, Toni and Zoe.