

Cherry Group Curriculum Spring 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a good Christmas and a happy new year. This leaflet is just for your information regarding what your child will be learning this term.

Our topic this term is *Past and present*.

What we will do in school...	What you could do together at home...
Science We will be looking at the different materials of toys. In particular comparing old toys and new toys.	Play with a range of toys, show them some of the toys you used to play with. Talk to them about how they are different to toys these days.
Geography Cherry Group will be continuing the forest school each week. We will look at pictures of what playgrounds used to look like in the past.	Go for a walk in the woods or a park. Let them explore in the puddles, mud and leaves. Encourage them to look around them and say what they can see. Collect leaves, twigs and stones to make collages at home.
Communication and Literacy Cherry group will be listening to a variety of stories each week. We will also be continuing to work 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. Go to the local library and borrow some books. Encourage opportunities for mark making , not just on paper
Art We will use materials found on our walks to make pictures and models. We will let the children explore using a variety of materials such as paint, play dough, sand etc	Encourage your child to draw pictures and use crayons, pencils and paints at home. Have an area for messy play and let them explore the different textures. Don't be afraid to get messy with them!
PSHE Cherry group will continue to develop 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 continuing to learn counting through number rhymes. They will be given opportunities to count objects, compare the numbers and use mathematical language such as big, small, long, short, high and low.	Sing songs with your child and encourage them to join in the counting with you. Five currant buns and Five little ducks are favourite number rhymes in the class. At every opportunity always count with the children and comment on the size and colour of objects.



Swimming – every Wednesday

Cherry Group will be going swimming at Woughton Pool on Wednesday mornings until half term. 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 sign the book so we know you have read it.

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.

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