

Cherry Group Curriculum Flyer

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas Break. This leaflet is just for your information regarding what your child will be learning in the Spring Term and what you could do together to support their learning at home...

Our topics this term are Spring 1 **Countries** and Spring 2 **Plants**.

What we will do in school...	What you could do together at home...
Science We will be exploring the environments of our own country and a variety of different countries. We will also be looking at trees and plants and how they grow.	When walking in the park or woods point out the different types of trees, shrubs, plants and flowers you can see. Encourage your child to use all their senses to explore the environment.
Geography Cherry group will be going out in the minibus every Tuesday afternoon to look at the local environment and visit different places where they will see a variety of plants.	Look at pictures of different places around the world (holiday brochures are good for this) Look at what their traditions are and what foods are linked to the country. Have a plant that is their own and water it and watch it grow. Try growing cress and observe the changes
Literacy Cherry group are continuing to develop their knowledge of phonics, through songs, letter formation, matching objects and letters, sensory activities and listening. We will continue to develop their ability to identify important words using symbols. We will be using a range of approaches including Jolly Phonics and Letters and Sounds.	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. Sing nursery rhymes at all opportunities and encourage them to finish the sentence you are singing.
Art We will continue to explore different textures and materials. We will be mark making using a variety of tools, including our fingers and hands.	Give your child experiences to explore their sensory sides with outdoor materials. Encourage your children to compare objects or items to things we are learning about e.g. the cotton wool looks like a cloud in the sky.
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. Cherry group will be playing lots of sharing games.	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 exploring shape, size, weight and capacity this term. We will also continue to learn counting through number rhymes. The children will be given opportunities to count objects, make comparisons and use mathematical language. They will begin to look at adding and taking away objects to see what happens.	Look for shapes in the environment and around the house. Explore big and small, heavy and light objects. Fill containers with water. Count with your child when you are out and about,. How many people are in the park? How many bananas are in my shopping? How many have I got now/when I add one more? Count whilst walking up and down steps. Count how many times you push them on the swing. Sing number rhymes with them whenever you can and encourage them to say what number is next.



Swimming – every Wednesday

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

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap or shower gel for washing themselves, cream if needed



PE – every Thursday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash. **Please could you send in a labelled water bottle** for the children to have access to a drink while they are participating in activities, these will be washed and refilled by the children themselves to increase their independence skills.



Cherry Group will be going to Slated Row School every Tuesday morning after half term to take part in a forest school session. This will be an opportunity to get dirty and explore the surroundings. Please ensure we have your child's wellington boots in school and a change of clothes. We go whatever the weather!

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). If you need to contact us by email you can do so on

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

Best wishes The Cherry Team

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