

Cherry Group Curriculum Summer 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter Holiday. This leaflet is for your information regarding what your child will be learning this term.

Our topic this term is *Land, Sea and air*.

What we will do in school...	What you could do together at home...
Science We will be looking at what floats and what sinks. In particular we will be looking at what travels on the sea.	At bath time have your own experiment of what floats and sinks in the bath. Have some toy boats that you can role play with. If you have five ducks, sing the number rhyme with them.
Geography Cherry Group will be continuing the forest school each week. They will be visiting Slated Row School every Tuesday to use their forest school facilities. We will be looking at the different ways of travelling on the sea, land and in the air.	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. Make dens and have fun playing outside.
Communication and Literacy Cherry group will be listening to a variety of stories each week that include transport. 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 be making pictures and models of different modes of transport. They will have lots of opportunity to explore a range of tools and materials.	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. 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. Play games with them where they have to take turns.
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. The class favourite is the big numbers song on you tube. 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 to Slated Row School every Tuesday morning 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.

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.

Rebecca and the Cherry Team.