CHERRY CLASS NEWSLETTER

TERM 1

Welcome to term 1, we are looking forward to getting to know your children!

Class information

Who is in our class?
Teachers: Mrs Darling - Monday to Wednesday
Mrs Green - Thursday and Friday
TAs: Mrs West, Mrs Wellard and Miss Skilling

Timetable:
Morning Session: 8.50 am – 11.50 am
Afternoon Session: 12.50 pm - 3.10 pm
Morning break is at 10.00 to 10.15. The children will receive a healthy fruit snack supplied by the school.

Reading Packs and Homework:
Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday so that it can be marked. Please ensure that your child has a quiet, calm place to complete their homework, and that an adult supports them.

PE/OUTDOOR LEARNING

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit into school on a Thursday.
Long hair should always be tied back and ALL jewellery removed for PE lessons.
PE Kit:
Plimsolls
Black Shorts
White T-Shirt
Tracksuit Bottoms
Trainers

Outdoor learning
Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor learning on a Friday with warm clothing, they should also have a pair of wellies in school.

REMINDERS

Please make sure that your child does not bring snacks (except fruit) or toys in from home. We are a nut free school so please ensure packed lunches do not contain nuts, including Nutella.

READING

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for children to practise their reading. Please aim to read at least three times a week with your child to help them improve their fluency.



CONTACT INFO

If you have any questions, please email the class teachers using the class email; address cherries@harcourt.kent.sch.uk

THIS TERM'S LEARNING

English: In English this term, we begin our learning based on a book called 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The focus will be on writing short, accurately punctuated sentences. The grammar focus will be on full stops and capital letters. Children will also continue to take part in a 45 minute daily Read Write Inc phonics lesson to learn to sound out, blend, read and write words phonetically. Children are grouped according to their next steps and are taught in smaller groups.

Maths: In Maths, we will be looking at place value within 10. Children will learn to count forwards and backwards, find one more and one less than a given number and compare numbers. In addition, we will focus on key skills such as subitising (being able to look at a small set of objects and saying how many there are without counting). You can support your child at home by playing number games such as Snakes and Ladders will help develop their fluency. In addition, the White Rose 1 minute maths app is free and has activities to help support your child with their basic number facts.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science - Animals including Humans
History - Toys in the past
PSHE - Being me in my world
Computing - introduction to Purple Mash
Art - Line-mark making (Joan Miro)
Music - Sing Up Unit - Menu song
RE - Who are Christians and what do they believe?



KEY DATES:

Thursday 3rd September 2026	Children back to school (Years 1-6)
Tuesday 15th September 2026 3.15-3.45pm	Meet the Teacher in classrooms
Friday 9th October 2026	Wear something yellow for Young Minds
Friday 9th October 2026	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 13th October 2026	School Photographer
Friday 16th October 2026	Re-start a heart - bring a teddy to school
Friday 16th October 2026 2.30pm	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 20th October 2026 3.30-6pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 22nd October 2026 3.30-6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 23rd October 2026	Last Day of Term