



Dear Parents,

Most years we have a class welcome meeting at the beginning of the year where we talk about the routines of the classroom and I try to answer any questions that you may have. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to hold this meeting and although I have seen many of you at drop off/pick up, I wanted to write to officially welcome you to Cherry Tree Class.

I am delighted to tell you that the children have got off to a flying start. Our priority over the first few days has been to welcome the children back in, to ensure that they feel happy and safe and that they understand the new rules and routines of the school. Alongside that, we have been assessing the next steps for learning within the class / year group as a whole and also for all as individual learners.

Below I have listed some information that you will hopefully find useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me on this email if you have any questions.

Class set up – I am class based Mon to Thurs in Cherry Tree Class with Mrs Wickett usually teaching the class on Friday. Mrs Middleton is with us Tuesday - Friday . Children are taught as a class for all sessions except for Maths and spelling. In Maths the children are taught in year groups. (I teach year 6 and year 5 are taught by Miss Hilton – who is a maths specialist). Spellings are also taught as year groups.

Topic- This half term we have a series of subject topics that we are working on. Please see the curriculum leaflet for more details.

Science and DT – Light (knowledge organiser will be on the school website)

Geography – Trade and economics with a focus on trade with El Salvador (knowledge organiser will be on the school website)

English – Our class novel is “The Boy at the Back of the Class” by Onjali Q. Rauf. Some of our written work will be based around this but we are also going to be exploring and writing poems around the theme of Autumn and celebrating our environment.

Art- we will be practicing drawing skills and looking at the artwork of Artif Akari

R.E – exploring some of the beliefs of the Hindu faith.

Computing- E safety and coding.

P.H.S.E will be ongoing.

P.E.- Our designated P.E day is Thursday for this half term and children are coming in wearing their P.E kit. Alongside this session we are getting out and active in other sessions throughout the week . Please could you support us in this by ensuring your child wears shoes that enable them to run around safely. We will be swimming for the first four Fridays of the term.

Homework –Later in the term homework will be set through Google classroom, we will send more information out about this shortly. At the present time the only homework being set is the 12 spellings (Year 6 will usually be tested on Tuesday and Year 5 on Friday). There is also the expectation that all children will read at least 4 times a week. Please can you make sure that a parent or carer has signed the reading record – reading records will be checked on a **Friday** each week.

After half term the year 6s will start to have practice SATs questions sent home as part of their homework and the year 5s will have one additional piece of homework per week sent home. Please will you also help your child to practice their times tables. By the start of year 5 they should be confident in all tables up to 12 X 12 and the associated division facts, so please help them to target any they are unsure of and keep practicing the others to increase speed and fluency.

Reading books –Children are now able (and expected) to bring their reading book to and from school each day. We are encouraging all the children to read a wide range of books. We have a lovely selection in class for them to choose from.

General – please ensure that your child brings a water bottle and a coat to school every day.

I would like to thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me on this email address cherryclass@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk for any class based queries or issues but please continue to use the school office email / phone for the usual communications.

Many thanks
Lucie Clarke

