



Cherry 2023-24 Class Information

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cherry Class have had a lovely start to the year, and it has been great seeing all the children reconnecting with their friends and sharing all the exciting things they got up to over the summer holidays. We have already started learning lots of new and exciting topics, The Ancient Greeks, place value and states of matter to name but a few.

As your child is now in Year 4, I would like to encourage them to be as independent as possible, however on occasion, help from home (and school) will be needed. Due to it being the beginning of the academic year, I thought it would be helpful for you to be aware of the following:

This year we will continue to complete homework online, Doodle Maths still being our homework of choice, (www.doodlelearning.com). Ideally, I would like children to spend at least 10 minutes per week on either Doodle Maths or Doodle Tables, this can be completed all at once or over the course of the week. The platform will set personal maths targets for your child to work towards throughout the year.

Furthermore, each week your child will be sent home with a spelling list (no more than six words) that they will need to practice at home in readiness for their weekly spelling test. Spelling tests will be conducted on a Friday and spellings can be found stuck into their Reading Records.

I also expect your child to read at home, AT LEAST 3 times a week. Ideally, with a minimum of one of those times being them reading to an adult. Your child will come home with a Reading Record, just like last year, where there is an expectation that reading at home is logged and at the end of each week, I will check whether or not your child has read.

As well as a Reading Record, your child will also bring home a Reading Journal, where they will need to complete one entry per week based on the book they are currently reading or have just read. Preferably, the entry should differ week upon week. Initially, I will place a weekly prompt onto a sticker into your child's reading journal, however, this will be removed after Christmas to encourage more independence and creativity. In addition to this, we will engage in Book Talk, a time used to discuss the book your child is reading. From this discussion I will be able to gauge whether or not your child is reading at home.

This year your child will sit their Multiplication Check in June 2025 and it is of the upmost importance that your child practices their timetables (up to 12x12) as much as possible when at home. We will practice in school daily, however, your support with this would be appreciated. Your child will have a Times Table Rockstars login and a DoodleTables login (same as DoodleMaths), which I would like every child to use at home, as much as they can. More information on the Multiplication Check will be given to you nearer that time. (www.trockstars.com)

All login details for your child will be stuck into their Reading Record, if they are misplaced, or do not seem to be working, please do let me know so I am able to rectify the problem as quickly as possible.

P.E. will be on a Thursday this year. Please could children come into school wearing the correct kit (Longvernal P.E. t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and trainers). PE will be outside for the first term, so black Longvernal fleeces or green Longvernal jumpers can also be worn.

Forest school will be on a Tuesday. Forest school will take place regardless of the weather (unless extreme) so please can you ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing (long sleeve tops and trousers) as well as bringing their wellies and waterproofs in a separate labelled bag to change in and out of, if necessary. Extra socks are always helpful, if a pair could be popped into their bags too, that would be great! Wellies can stay at school if preferred.

Please could you email me or the office an up to date 'approved pick up list' for your child, so we are able to update your child's records. This should include anyone who may be likely to pick your child up at the end of the day. You can share a password with me/the office if you require. For safety reasons, I will not let your child go home with anyone who is not on the list or has not been discussed with either myself or the office prior to pick-up regardless of whether your child knows the person or not. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me before or after school with any questions or queries and please remember to check the Longvernal school website and Facebook Page for updates on Cherry Class.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

Kind regards,

Jess Collins

