



Holly Class



Cherry Class

Spring Term - January 2022 Parent Curriculum Letter

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! We are looking forward to the new term ahead; here is some information and dates for your diary.

TOPIC THEME FOR THIS TERM

Our topic title will be '**To infinity and beyond...**' for this term, focusing on **Space** for the first half term and **Superheroes** for the second half of the term. We are hoping to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester, more details will be sent home once this trip has been confirmed!

LETTERS AND SOUNDS (Graphemes and Phonemes)

We will begin learning phase 3 phonemes in phonics. Phonemes (sounds) that are made up of two letters are called 'digraphs' and phonemes that are made up of three letters are called 'tri-graphs'.

PE

Cherry Class - P.E. sessions will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

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SUPER STAR CERTIFICATES

To continue to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school in class we are sending home some more **SUPER STAR CERTIFICATES** (you will find these in your child's book bag). At any time, please feel free to request more certificates should you need them.

Here are some ideas of what to write certificates for:

Getting themselves undressed and dressed independently.

Having good manners.

Learning how to fasten up their coat independently.

Helping at home.

Making good food choices, eating new foods and being healthy.

Being part of a club outside of school - sporting awards.

Swimming without armbands for the first time / learning to ride a bike without stabilisers.

Home learning and reading.

EVIDENCE ME

We thoroughly enjoy reading about your child's achievements at home. If you haven't already done so, please remember to upload home learning and achievements to your child's Evidence Me account.

HOME LEARNING

Word packs and reading will continue as normal this term. However, we will begin to focus on spelling and writing the sets of key words (these are in the parent information booklet), look out for more information about these in the weekly newsletter.

WELLY BOOTS and SPARE CLOTHES

If you have not already done so, we would appreciate it if you could send your child's welly boots back to school as soon as possible. Furthermore, we are sending home your child's spare clothes (bottoms, underwear and socks / tights). Please check the contents and that they still fit your child, then return the bag to school.

MILK

Milk is free to all children in school under the age of 5 years. At present, we have a surplus of milk and as yet, we do not need to charge the children in reception who are over 5 years old for their milk. However, if the situation changes and we begin to run low on school milk, we will need to ask you to pay for your school milk if your child is over 5 years old and they would like to continue having milk daily in school.

MUD KITCHEN

Your child will only be able to use this area if they have a pair of named welly boots in school. Furthermore, when using this area your child's coat is likely to get dirty so it may need a bit of extra washing! However, we are sure your child will enjoy using this new kitchen for their play and learning. We are always in need of new equipment and utensils for this area, so if you have any old pots, pans and utensils at home, we would be grateful for the donations.

JUNK MODEL ROCKETS

The children will be making rockets using junk modelling equipment, which we will ask you to send in nearer the time. We will be sending home more information about this in a separate letter.

DIARY DATES:

- Monday 17th January - NHS Weights and Measures
- Monday 7th February - NHS Vision Screening
- Monday 7th February - Parent / Teacher Consultations
- Tuesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 9th February - Parent / Teacher Consultations
- Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February - Half Term School Holiday
- Friday 25th February - Superhero Dressing Up Day
- Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day
- Monday 14th March - Science Week
- Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day, Comic Relief
- Friday 1st April - End of Term
- Tuesday 19th April - School Closed INSET Day
- Wednesday 20th April - Summer Term Begins

Details about specific events on the list of diary dates will be sent home nearer the time.