

Cherry Trees

School News



Diary Dates:

**W/B 25th January –
RSPB bird watch
week**

**W/B 8th February –
Safer internet day**

**W/B 15th February –
Half term**

**22nd February –
Back to school**

**4th March – World
Book Day**

**2nd April – 16th April
Easter Holidays**

**19th April -
Knowledge of the
World Week**

**23rd April -
St George's Day**

**3rd May -
May Day**

**24th May -
Science & Outdoor
Learning Week**

**There will be letters come
out about these events
nearer to the time.**

Friday 29th January 2021: Issue 6

Headteacher's message: Laura Slinn

What a month!

Firstly, I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable family time over Christmas and that everyone is keeping well.

I did not expect to have a different approach to schooling happening again when we last shared a newsletter, but this is where we find ourselves now. I must congratulate all of you wonderful parents and carers for the adaptability and cooperation that you have shown over the last four weeks. You are communicating so well with school and the images you are sharing of what your families are achieving is a credit to you. I really appreciate all the feedback. Don't forget to look at Bug Club!

Please do remember that if you need further support, learning materials or to talk to anyone at school that you are welcome to call or dojo and we will get back to you.

In school we continue to follow the same learning opportunities that we have shared with home, hopefully you will see some of that learning taking place throughout this newsletter. Don't forget that we are also offering some online learning materials through the website:

<https://www.cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk/cherry-trees-remote-learning>

We are adding to this each week so take a look and have a go.

Finally, we have started to look at our plans for returning to full school, so that we are ready with a plan when we are advised to do so. I will keep you informed of this.

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Blue Class News

The start to our Spring Term has been very different!

However, this has not stopped the children in Blue Class continuing their 'learning journey' at home or in school, which is lovely to see!

The class have continued to learn about the season of 'winter' through a range of sensory activities, in our weekly EAD lessons.

We have begun our new topic of 'Stories and Nursery Rhymes' which has seen lots of lovely work and great engagement and interaction from the class.

During January, the children have also been working on their independent skills through cooking sessions, learning to make simple snacks with an adult. Everyone is continuing to try hard on Maths, English and communication skills.

This term we welcome two new children to Blue Class, Conor and Archie, and the children have made the boys feel very welcome!



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Orange Class News

It has been a different start back to school for Orange Class but that has not stopped us learning and experiencing new things. We have been learning to recognise our own photograph and name which we are doing really well with. We have even been able to recognise some of our friends!

Our topic this term is 'Once Upon a Time'. We enjoyed exploring the different textured houses in the Three Little Pigs and planting magic beans to grow our beanstalks, like Jack did in Jack and the Beanstalk. All our home learners have been working very hard and sending in some lovely photos.



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Red Class News

We have been learning about winter wonderland this month. The children have enjoyed being outside and playing with the snow. We have used our senses to explore the outdoors. The children enjoyed the stories linked to this topic, especially the Polar Bear and Snow Cloud. We used animals and props to retell the stories; this helped them to remember and tell it in their own words.

In Maths we have been making repeating patterns, counting and using Numberblocks as our starter activity.

We have enjoyed being scientists and learning about ice - poor Spiderman got trapped in the ice and we had to try and get him out!

The children at home have been doing some lovely work and I am proud of how they are completing activities with parents. Well done!



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Green Class News



I am Mrs Hill and I joined Cherry Trees at the beginning of January. I am the Green Class teacher on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and I work alongside Mrs Dawes who still does Monday and Tuesday. This half term it has been a busy one but I have LOVED it! We focused our learning around *The Snail and the Whale* and we loved it. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000cslw/the-snail-and-the-whale>

We followed step by step instructions to make our own snails and whales. We retold the story and ordered the journey that the snail went on with the whale. We also helped the snail sort out the real words from the nonsense words. We used our knowledge of the story to answer questions. We made sure we used full sentences, capital letters, finger spaces and a full stop. We pretended that we were the snail and wrote a post card to our family to tell them about our adventures. We picked our favourite place and drew the postcard too.

In PE we have been working our bodies really hard with Joe Wicks. With encouragement, we ALL made it through ☺

On a Monday and Tuesday Mrs Dawes has helped the children focus on their targets, developing listening skills through games and activities. She has also provided time for the children to share and write their news and talk about how they feel. Mindfulness activities take place throughout the week.



The Snail and the Whale.

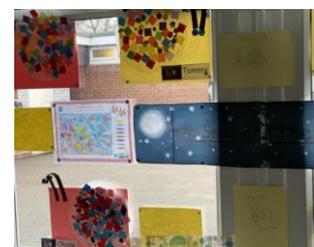
The snail was small.
The snail had an itchy foot.
The snail wanted to sail in the sea.
The snail wanted to hitch a lift from the whale.
The whale said "Come sail with me."



Read the sentences and tick the correct sentences to match the picture.



The whale is big.
The snail is big.
The snail is small.



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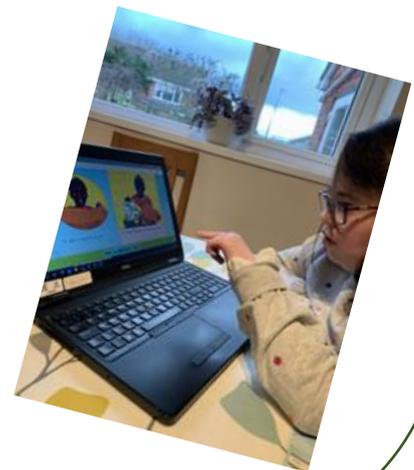
Yellow Class News

In our topic, we have been learning about the Solar System. We have made a planetarium and have found out about the first man on the moon!

In Maths, we have been working on place value, addition and money.

In English, we have been looking at traditional tales.

Children have been working hard at home following their home learning packs.



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Purple Class News

In Purple class this half term we are finding out about the Victorians. As part of this topic we have looked into the artwork of William Turner who was an artist during the Victorian era. He painted mostly landscapes and portraits. Over a few weeks the children have/will choose their favourite Turner landscape picture and paint their version of it using water colours (watered down school paint!). We originally thought we would be able to do the paintings in one or two sessions; however, once we had started we quickly realised that because we were using paper it became very wet with one layer of paint! So along with the children, we decided to paint a layer at a time and keep coming back to them to add more until we are happy with the result. Here are two beautiful examples of the completed work of two children. Enjoy!



Cherry Trees Communicating



Thank you to everyone within our school community for working so hard at both home and at school. We fully appreciate your support with this and understand the challenges that remote learning can bring.

Please keep on sending in your photos of all of the amazing things that you are doing – we love seeing them, and remember you stand a good chance of winning a certificate and a prize for being one of our 'Class Learners of the week', or one of our 'Home Learners' of the week.



On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Cherry Trees School, we would like to thank Alison Jefferies for the kind donation we received in memory of her late mother, Mrs Diane Margaret Ghali. We have used this money towards purchasing some new sensory equipment in order to support our children's sensory needs.



⚠ Urgent Safeguarding Alert ⚠
TikTok 'Choke Challenge'

We have been alerted to reports of the **tragic death of a 10-year-old girl in Italy**. It has been reported that she died after taking part in the so-called '**blackout**' or '**choke challenge**' on the video-sharing platform TikTok.

For more information, please visit the following link:

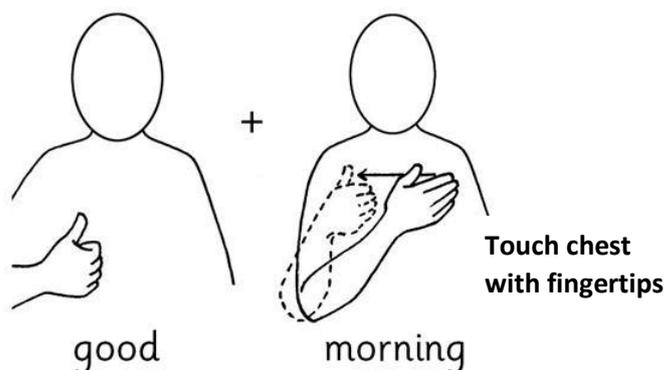
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Sharing



Sign of the Month



Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	95.9
Red Class	100
Orange Class	100
Green Class	82.8
Yellow Class	91.8
Purple Class	90.3



Congratulations to:

Red & Orange

You have the best
Attendance for the Month
Well done to all of you.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Keeping Your Child Safe Online

We are all spending more time online this year as the internet has become a significant way to socialise with friends and family. Are you aware of how to keep your child safe online? We are sharing resources to help.

Resources

Simply by clicking on the logos below you will be directed to specific information; or access the full website for lots of useful information.

Keep Safe on Social Media

Keep yourself up-to-date with the social media networks your child is using and their privacy settings with these reference guides:



Family Activities around Social Media

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



Safety Cards

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/>



Social Media Guides

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

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Conversations & Family Activities on Online Safety
Tips for conversations and engagement activities for your family:

NSPCC Starting a conversation about online safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>



Downloadable worksheets designed for different age groups & video tips for parents and carers

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



Parents and Carers Toolkit

<https://www.childnet.com/>

Further Useful Resources

Barnardos

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

CEOP

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

National Working Group (NWG)

<https://www.nwgnetwork.org/for-parents/>

Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE)

<https://paceuk.info/>



Cherry Trees COVID Safe



As you are aware, we have recently had a high number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases within the school community. Can I please remind you about the letter that was sent out by Staffordshire Local Authority in November 2020 - please see the relevant information from this letter pasted below:

'Currently anyone who has one of the main symptoms of persistent cough, high temperature, new cough or loss of taste or smell must self-isolate immediately and book a test. However, with many people displaying other symptoms, we are asking residents in Staffordshire to consider getting tested as a precaution if they have other symptoms such as:

**Headaches*

**Aches and pains*

**Feeling very tired for no good reason*

**Sore throat*

**Runny nose*

**Sneezing*

**Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children*

People with any of these symptoms can carry on going to school or work if they are well enough to do so and only need to self-isolate if the test comes back positive.'

Please inform school immediately if your child, or anyone in the household displays classic COVID-19 symptoms, or one or more of the wider symptoms outlined above. This is so that we can take the necessary actions as soon as possible in order to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continuing support with this.

Please look at our website www.cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk where you will find more guidance about Covid-19 – related pupil absence.