

Cherry Class Newsletter

Term 2

Welcome back everyone! This term is all about traditional tales and we're so excited to explore them with all the children. For each story we will be planning enhancements and opportunities to add the story into their play. We will be reading and talking about the stories as well as really focusing on the vocabulary in each story. To support your child's learning you might like to look at the stories together each week, either in a book or by watching the story (I recommend Mr Tumble's Tumble Tales on YouTube). We will also be focusing on specific key words from each story each week that you could also practice at home, these are;

Week	Story	Key Words
Beginning		
4/11/24	The 3 Little Pigs	house, build, wolf, strong, bricks, straw, sticks
11/11/24	Goldilocks	bear, chair, bed, porridge, right, wrong, hot, cold
18/11/24	Jack and the Beanstalk	giant, beans, beanstalk, magic, goose, climb, harp.
25/11/24	Red Riding Hood	wolf, grandma ,cape ,glasses ,basket , hiding, woodcutter.
2/12/24	Billy Goats Gruff	goat, troll, bridge, biggest, smallest, tasty.
9/12/24	The Gingerbread Man	gingerbread, baking, river, oven, fox, wet

During our key group times and our whole class sessions for our Pre-school year children we will be tuning into our first 6 sounds of Little Wandle and practicing our counting to 5. The first 6 sounds are s,a,t,p,i and n, we focus on hearing these as 'pure' sounds without any 'uh' behind the sound (eg. nnnn instead of nuh). We will be playing lots of games to help us hear those sounds in words and practicing making the sounds.

During our play and our group times we will be focusing on counting to 5, we would like to deepen the children's understanding of number. This means going beyond saying the numbers in order to 5 and helping the children to develop their concept of number. We will be working on this by practising subitising (when you know how many objects you have without counting them), comparing numbers (eg. how 4 sweets is more than 2) and all the different ways you can represent numbers.

We are very excited that this term will be the beginning of our Forest School afternoons with our qualified Forest School teacher, Rowan. Rowan will be taking all of the children into the woods on a Wednesday afternoon, if your child attends on a Wednesday afternoon and they have wet weather clothing such as puddle suits/waterproof trousers/wellies please could you send this along with them on a Wednesday. We do have some waterproof suits however not enough for the whole class. We can't wait to see what fun Rowan has planned for our Wednesday afternoons!



School Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you must apply for their place at primary school from Tuesday 5th November 2024 – Monday 15th January 2025. Please apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola Please contact the primary school you wish your child to attend to arrange a visit.

Children in Need

This year, for Children in Need, on Friday 15th November, we will be joining the School in the Countryfile ramble, children are also able to dress up if they wish and make a donation should you wish to. All donations will go to Children in Need.



Nursery Essentials

- If your child has had a case of sickness and diarrhoea, please keep them off for 48 hours.
- Bring a spare set of clothes (clearly labelled) for your child (especially underwear).
- If your child still requires a nappy change, please can you ensure that you provide nappies and wipes.
- Please can we also ask that if your child has grapes or cocktail sausages, that these are cut lengthways. Also, please ensure all lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Fees are to be paid weekly, monthly, or a term **IN ADVANCE**. We accept payment by cash, bank transfer, tax free child accounts and card payments in the school office. Our sort code: **60-60-08**, Account No: **83294902** Ref: **Child's full name**

30 Hour Funding

If you think that your child will be eligible for 30 hours government funding from January 2025, you must apply for a code **NOW** at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Please send your eligibility code into the Nursery by **Friday 29th November**, this will allow us to verify it with the Local Authority. Please be aware that, we are extremely busy and any extra places available will be VERY LIMITED and issued on a first come first serve basis. We would like to remind all Parents who receive 30 hours funding that they are responsible for re-validating their eligibility code every 3 months, by the dates given to you by HMRC.

Christmas sing-a-long

This year we will be inviting you to join in our Christmas sing-along event in December. Look out for an invitation. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time to invite you in to the Nursery to join in our festive event.

Healthy Lunch Boxes

We like to promote healthy eating and have noticed some children's lunches contain several chocolate items, but also, for some, the quantity of food is more than they can manage. All the children are given snack at mid-morning and mid-afternoon so shouldn't be too hungry. Just as an example of a healthy lunch, a sandwich, yogurt and piece of fruit is plenty, but we can appreciate not all children eat sandwiches, so just a small pot of ham/cheese could be an example of a good substitute.

Important dates

Monday 4th November
Term 2 starts

Friday 15th November
Children In Need

Thursday 12th December
Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 17th December
Open classroom evening

Friday 20th December
End of term 2

Monday 6th January
INSET day

Tuesday 7th January
Return to Nursery

ClassDojo

All Parents/Carers should now have access to ClassDojo. Please keep checking this regularly, as we use it to share information with you. You can share your own photos and videos of your child, so that we can talk to your child about holidays, events etc. that happen outside of Nursery.

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