



11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cherry Class Curriculum Newsletter – Aut 1

We are very happy to welcome everyone back to a brand new school year. Our overarching theme this term is 'Me and my World'! Where we will be exploring all things that are important to us. Please see below for a brief summary of our learning focus in class.

Communication and Interaction

All areas of our curriculum embed communication methods such as visual aids, communication boards, objects of reference and signing alongside verbal communication. This term, we focus on utilising learners preferred communication methods to engage in purposeful and positive interactions around all things that are important to us so that we build trusting relationships. We have daily Attention Autism sessions focussing on the core word of the week to embed and model key vocabulary.

Maths

Our Maths focus this term is number, this includes place value and addition and subtraction. Every child will be working on their own targets at their own pace. We will be introducing Messy Maths which allows our children to learn in a fun, practical and 'messy' way.

Literacy

- Pupils will engage in daily sessions of functional literacy to develop comprehension and writing skills.
- All pupils engage in daily phonics.
- We will be completing a range of fine motor activities including threading, playdough, using pegs and tracing to develop pre-writing skills.
- Our sensory stories this term include, The Gingerbread man, The Three Little Pigs, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Personal Development

- This term we are learning to manage our feelings. We are doing this through naming and identifying emotions alongside implementing the zones of regulation. We will focus on building relationships with each other through turn taking games and sensory exploration.

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Outdoor Learning

The focus this term is- travel training. We will be developing the skills we need to safely transition from one destination to another. We will follow signs, identify known destinations round school and walk safely with increasing independence.

Cooking

We are exploring a range of breakfast foods and following visual instructions to make these with increasing independence.

Expressive Arts and Design (Music and Art)

- We are looking at Sculpture through, Junk Modelling, papier Mache, salt dough and clay.
- In Music we are exploring different instruments, exploring rhythm, tempo and a range of music genres.

PE

- Our focus this term is on movement. We will explore different modes of movement, supporting motor sensory processing, balance and proprioception.
- Daily sensory circuits are accessible for all pupils to promote self-regulation.

Our PE is on a Monday.

Please ensure all belongings that are brought in school with your child is clearly labelled to ensure this is returned with them.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a positive term

Kind regards,

Mrs Moore and Mrs Thrussell (Also as Alex and Vicky)
Cherry Class Teachers