

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2023

Cherry Tree Class

Dear families,

Hello Cherry class and welcome back to school.

I am looking forward to being your class teacher and helping you to master new skills.

It has been a pleasure to watch you settle back into routines and already I am seeing so many of you take an active role in your own learning.

We have lots of exciting topics this year starting off in our local area with 'Our Hoxton' and look forward to finding out all about our local area in more detail.

Parents/Carers, please do reach out if you have any questions or queries, or make an appointment to see me via the office.

I look forward to working with you and your family.

Miss McConnell



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Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
 - Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

A colorful poster for the Autumn First Half Term 2023. The background is light blue with scattered autumn leaves. At the top right, the dates '06.09.23 - 20.10.23' are written in red. A white banner with a sunburst effect contains the text 'Important dates for: Autumn First Half Term 2023'. Below this, several orange rounded rectangles list events with dates and descriptions. Each event is preceded by a date in a red circle.

22nd September **Jeans for Genes Day**
Children wear Jeans and bring £1 for charity!
(School jumper and shoes as normal)

September & October **Meet the Teacher sessions (at 8:45 - 9:45am)**
Monday 25th September - Year 4 Tuesday 26th September - Year 6
Friday 29th September - Year 5 Monday 2nd October - Year 1
Wednesday 9th October - Year 2 Monday 9th October - Year 3

27th September 8:45am **MacMillan's World's biggest Coffee Morning**
We invite parents to bring a cake and join with other parents for a lovely morning of coffee and chat as we raise money for MacMillan.

3rd October 8:45am **Parent's Coffee morning:**
Learning to read (Phonics) in Reception
We will be exploring how children in Reception are learning to read and how you can support at home.

11th October 8:45am **Parent's Coffee morning:**
Learning to read (Phonics) in Year 1 and 2
We will be exploring how children in year 1 and 2 are learning to read and how you can support at home.

18th October 8:45am **Parent's Coffee morning:**
Online Safety Meeting
Exploring the current risks, understanding age restrictions and top hints and tips to stay safe.

20th October **Last Day of Half term**
School ends @3:30pm

Reading

Holly class will be reading in groups to support them to decode and read fluently. We will be discussing the meaning of words and learn how to deduce and infer based on the information given. You can support your child at home by reading with them for 20 minutes daily. Reading books will be given weekly, please return them so new books can be given.

RE

Our big question this half term is 'What does the Lord's prayer mean?' As part of this, we will consider the importance of how we talk and respect others and their feelings. We will consider the meaning of temptation, praise and eternity in the Lord's Prayer.

Computing

Building on work on Scratch in Year 1, we will teach the children about simple coding instructions on Scratch to animate a sprite. Children will choose a sprite, select a backdrop and use existing code to animate the sprite.

PE days

PE this term is on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE uniform.

Writing

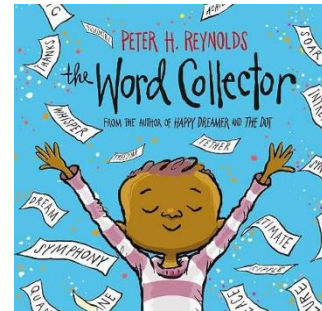
In writing this half term we will begin our writing cycle with a past tense recount of how we spent our weekend. We will be focusing on forming sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will learn about characters in different cities using Talk4Write actions to retell the story.



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*This half term in
Year 2 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*

Our class reader this half term is...



Maths

This term we will be looking at place value. We will recognise what tens and ones are and how to represent these using pictures and concrete resources. We will as always practise our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

History / Geography

This half term we will be becoming historians by looking into Our local area, Hoxton. We will talk about the Anglo-Saxon period of 'Hoch's farm' and our farming past. We will also learn about the Great Fire of London and the Tudor era. We will also be using maps to locate the 4 countries of the UK and name their capital cities.

Science

As part of our topic 'Our Hoxton' we will be focusing on food we can find in Hoxton, looking at where food grows from and the conditions they need to grow. We will learn about plants and what a plant needs to grow healthy and strong. We will also take part in investigations and experiments about the needs of the plant and conduct a fair test.

