

Cherry Class News

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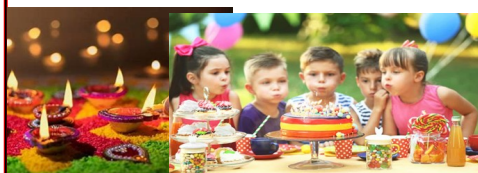


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It is great to welcome everyone back to Cherry Class after the half term and continue our learning and bonding as a class. We have had various visiting therapists comment on our excellent provision as well as supply staff expressing what a good working environment Cherry class is. We are always looking to improve this further and work together with parents to make sure our provision is right for individual children. You will notice that we are building on some stories that we introduced last year but are also learning about new enquiry topics and themes to ensure the children in Cherry Class have new experiences to last year while still consolidating their learning.

Enquiry

What is a celebration?



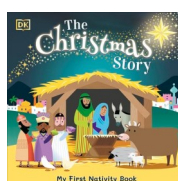
During Enquiry this term, we will be Philosophers and think about different events that people celebrate and how they celebrate them. We will look in particular at Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas and birthdays. We will be learning how to listen to others talking about their experiences and how to compare different religious celebrations.

We are Authors

These are the key stories we will be focusing on this term. During "Work with adult" lessons (Author lessons), the children will be writing labels, captions and sentences related to the story.

"During Discovery Time" the children will explore the themes of the story through sensory play and expressive arts and design. Creating links within different lessons makes the learning much more meaningful as well as fun.

The children have already enjoyed learning about Biscuit Bear. They have smashed biscuits, retold the story with puppets and even tried out circus tricks. This week they are enjoying following a biscuit recipe and making biscuits!



Interventions:

The key interventions we are focusing on this term are:

Bucket Time (attention autism)- exciting visual activities design to attract the children's attention and build concentration. Some of our children are learning to take turns in Bucket Time activities.



Identiplay: Children are developing their play skills by mirroring an adult in a very simple play activity.



Tailored Speech and language therapy: Children will work 1:1 with an adult on their individual targets using visuals and concrete objects to stimulate conversation.

Occupational therapy: The children have access to OT resources such as the trampoline, yoga balls and balloons while the adults work 1:1 on individual OT targets.



Christmas Stay and Play

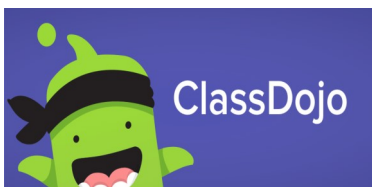


Similar to last year Cherry Class will be holding a Christmas Stay and

Play on **Tuesday 16 December at 2pm**

This will involve a carousel of Biscuit making, sensory play and bucket time. The event will then culminate in presenting a Cherry Class film and singing some Christmas songs together.

Please put the dates in your diaries. We would love to have parents join in, support their children and be part of our Cherry Class community.



Class Dojo:

Look out for our learning on Class Dojo as well as any important announcements.

Please do share any photos of special events from home. This really helps us stimulate conversation and build deeper relationships with your wonderful children.

Welcome to Miss Akhtar!

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Akhtar who has joined the Resource Base Team as a teaching assistant working across Sycamore and Cherry Class.

Key Dates:

Thursday 11th December: PTA Christmas Carols and Winter BBQ

Tuesday 16th December: Cherry Christmas Stay and Play 2pm

Fri 19th December: Last day of term