



Hollydale Primary School

Working together to be the best that we can be.

We would like to welcome you and your child to Cherry Class! It was lovely to meet all of you before the summer and I am really looking forward to getting to know you all better.

This term, our topics will be **All About Me, Autumn,** and **Black History Month.** We will spend 1-3 weeks on each topic.

Within our topics we will be covering the 7 areas of the Early Years Curriculum as outlined below.

Learning and development	
Personal, social and emotional development	This term we will be learning the school rules and routines and making friends. There will be opportunities for children to share their key interests, likes and dislikes, to understand that everyone is unique and special.
Communication and language	Children will be listening to a variety of topic related stories and have opportunities to contribute to class discussions.
Physical development	We will be learning to move confidently in a variety of different ways and taking part in a variety of games and activities involving negotiating space and following rules.
Literacy	We will be introducing phase 2 phonics in which the children learn the letter sound S, A, T, P, I and N as well as the tricky words the, I, to, no and go . We will be exploring <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> by Maurice Sendak and creating our own versions of the stories.
Maths	We will be focussing on our number skills, including recognising and ordering numbers, counting accurately and matching number and quantity.
Understanding of the world	We will be looking at the seasonal changes of autumn, sharing our interests and experiences with our classmates and recalling special times and celebrations with our family.
Expressive art and design	Children will be painting self and family portraits and taking part in role play activities. We will be singing familiar nursery rhymes as well as learning some new songs and dances.
Key information	
P.E.	We will have our physical education lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays , starting from next week. On these days, we ask that children come to school in their P.E. kits (black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a plain white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls all clearly marked with their name).
WOW Cards	We will be sending each child home with a superhero WOW card. These are for you to complete and return to class anytime your child does something to make you say 'wow'. For example, sleeping in their own bed, helping at home, counting to 100 or reading their book independently. Children will have the opportunity to share their wow cards with the class to celebrate their achievement. These will also contribute to the children's individual learning journal where we record your child's development and progress. When you have written down your child's WOW moment, please hand in to the class teacher.
Reading at home	This year, the children will take home one sharing book and one reading book per week. The reading book will go home on Thursday . This is linked to our phonics lessons and is sent so

	that children can practise the skills they have been learning in class. It is really important that the books are returned each Monday . On Monday, each child will take home a sharing book from the book corner. This is a book to explore with an adult, not to read independently. Parents are asked to please make a note in their reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record and book every day.
Community fund	Each week we ask families to contribute £1 for the cost of extra resources for the class, such as cooking ingredients and craft resources. This can be given to class staff in a named envelope.
'All about Me' bags	As part of our topic this term we will be sending home a paper bag with each child. We ask that you help them to fill this bag with items that show your child's interests, experiences and family for them to share with the class. Items may include drawings/crafts, photographs of them with family or at a special place and items of importance. They are also able to decorate the bag if they so wish. These will help us to get to know the children and provide an opportunity for them to build confidence in sharing things of importance with their friends. Please bring these in as soon as they are ready and they will be returned once shared.
Key dates	Please see our separate parent calendar for key dates for this term!
Pupil Birthdays	On your child's birthday, they can wear their own clothes to school. Alternatively, they can wear their school uniform with a birthday badge. If your child's birthday falls on a PE day, please make sure that they wear something they are able to do sport in.
Class dojo	Attached is a letter which describes how to set up Class Dojo. This is a platform we use for communication with parents and carers. If you have any problems, please let me know!
How you can help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please read daily with your child, even if it is only for five minutes, and comment in their reading record. - Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible with feeding and dressing themselves at home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please support your child with recognising and writing their name. - Please practise counting to and back from numbers within 10. - Please let me know if there is anything you are unsure of!
Uniform	<p>Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct uniform. Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.</p> 

If you have any further questions please contact me via email: lp Pratt3.210@lgflmail.org

Thank you

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