

Welcome to a new school term at Cherry Orchard Primary School. We are very excited to share with you what your child will be learning at school this term. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Autumn Term topic – **Marvellous Me?** We will be learning through a play-based curriculum. We will call Continuous Provision activities COOL time – Choosing Our Own Learning.



Welcome meeting - September 14<sup>th</sup> 8.45 – 9.15am

School photos – October 4<sup>th</sup>

Parent Conferences – October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Performances – December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

### **Websites to help your child:**

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) - click on 'free' and select phase 2 games

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk>

[Teach Your Monster: Free Phonics, Reading and Mathematics Games](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

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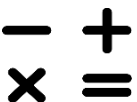






[Home - BBC Bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)




[Oxford Owl for School and Home](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) - Read Write Inc ebooks available

[Parents - Ruth Miskin Literacy](http://www.readwriteinc.co.uk) – Read Write Inc information for parents

<http://ictgames.com>

White Rose Maths - 1 Minute Maths app (free to download)

	Communication and Language		This area will be our focus initially. We will be using stories, games, songs and role play to develop our communication skills and vocabulary.
	Physical Development		We will be practising our gross and fine motor skills through PE lessons where we will be travelling safely around a space using different pathways. We will cooperate with others when playing parachute games. We will be using tweezers, threading beads, cutting and learning how to hold our pencil correctly. We will learn how to use the Trim Trail and have fun on the wheelies.
	Personal, Social, Emotional Development		We will be making new friendships with our classmates and learning how to work well together. We will be exploring families, celebrating similarities and differences and we will read 'Please Mr. Panda' to help us learn about the importance of manners. We will be following the Jigsaw mindful approach to Personal, Social and Health Education – 'Being Me in My World' and then 'Celebrating Difference'. Please see <a href="https://www.cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk">PSHE including Relationship and Sex Education   Cherry Orchard Primary School (cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk)</a> for further information.
	Literacy – please hear your child 'read' every night for 10 mins.		We are starting with the book 'Once there are Giants' which links to changes and growing up as part of our Understanding the World strand. We will then look at 'Rosie's Walk', 'Please Mr Panda', 'The Little Red Hen' and 'Dear Santa'. We will focus on retelling, role play, sequencing and starting to write cvc words, labels and captions. We will start our Read, Write, Inc journey by learning initial sounds from Set 1 and learn to write them too. We will add some Phonics videos to Seesaw for you to watch with your child too. It would be great if you could read a story at bedtime each night to instill a love of reading.
	Maths		This term we will focus on matching, sorting, comparing and developing a deep knowledge and understanding of numbers to 5 and then 10. Please help at home by looking for numbers when you are out and about and counting the stairs as you go to bed! We will use a variety of texts to help with this learning e.g 'How Many Legs'.
	Understanding the World	Science	Our first book, 'Once there were Giants' will help us understand how we change as we grow. We will then be learning about our bodies – naming external body parts and identifying our five senses through a series of fun activities and experiments. We will also be looking at seasonal changes.
		History	We will use the book 'Once There were Giants' to explore how we change overtime. We will then investigate how baby toys differ to those we play with now and why.
		Geography	We will be basing our learning on the book 'Rosie's Walk'. We will be learning about our school and focusing on the vocabulary - on, over, under, above, below, between etc to describe our walks and journeys. We will make our own maps and plans.
		RE	We will be looking at the question 'Being Special – where do we belong?'. This links in with our topic of 'Marvellous Me' and as part of this we will be looking at special welcoming ceremonies for babies, both religious and non-religious. We will be learning all about Harvest, Diwali and the first Christmas too.
	Expressive Arts and Design	Design Technology	We will be baking some bread like the Little Red Hen and exploring where our food comes from. We will use a variety of tools to help us cook and investigate other dishes. Just before Christmas we will be designing and making a Christmas decoration for you to hang on your Christmas tree!
		Art	We will be looking at the work of Natasha Kerr and making marks using lots of different tools. We will be creating portraits using lots of different media – paint, charcoal, chalk, playdoh and even mud! We will be looking at patterns, shapes and textures around us in the environment, especially Forest school.

	Music	Learning Nursery Rhymes is so important so we will be singing lots of these, and other songs, every day!
	Computing	We will be following instructions for a set of movements and then making up our own. We will be using laptops and iPads to help us learn. We will be taking our own photos of ourselves and our work.
	Forest School Please send in Forest School kit on <u>Tuesday</u> each week.	We will go to Forest School every week – some of our activities will be...looking for signs of Autumn, rubbings, leaf artwork, Autumn crowns and writing in mud! Sorry - we might get a bit muddy, but we will have great fun every week! To help our cleaners please could you clean your wellies before bringing them into school.