

Cherry Class Letter

Autumn 1

Tuesday 1st September 2026



Welcome to Cherry Class! The children have enjoyed sharing their summer holiday memories with us, and they seem eager and ready for a busy yet exciting term ahead.

Over the year a balance of topics will be taught that are planned to cover the National Curriculum requirements for children in Year One.

Our first topic this year is... **"Houses and Homes"**

Learning will continue to occur through structured and practical activities, which will gradually develop to include more recording of their work. English, phonics and maths will be taught every day.

Science - In Science, we will be identifying and naming a variety of plants and investigating if beans need water for growth.

Geography - In Geography, we will be learning about maps by locating the countries of the UK and identifying features in the school grounds

Art - In Art, we will be investigating and applying colour mixing to explore primary and secondary colours.

DT - In DT, we will be investigating, designing and creating our own playground equipment.

RE - In RE, we will be talking about our families and discussing how Christians may view God as Father.

For this topic, and to support discussions about houses and homes, we would love for you to send us a family photo and a picture of the outside of your house. This will be shared in class, and displayed for the children to see at school. Please email these to: cherry@pendle.lancs.sch.uk.

Keep looking at our class page as it is updated regularly with additional information about what we are learning along with photographs and videos.

Reading books will be changed once a week. Please practise reading with your child so they can develop their phonetic knowledge and comprehension further. Purple book

bags and books must be returned to school every day. After listening to your child read, please make a comment in your child's Reading Record Book.

Just as a reminder the children should keep their PE bags in school in case of timetable changes. We are extremely excited to start Forest Friday! Please ensure that your child has **named** wellies in school.

Depending on whether your child wants to continue receiving milk, you might need to re-register your child for milk on Cool Milk as many Year 1 children in Cherry Class turned 5 over the summer break.

We will continue to invite you into school over the year for various events, such as Stay and Play sessions and curriculum meetings for example. We do endeavour to ensure these take place on a range of days and times across the year to ensure you are able to attend as many as possible. We always aim to give as much notice as we can.

Thank you for taking the time to read what is a lengthier topic letter. We are very excited for the year ahead!

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you for your support so far!

Miss Lancaster and Mrs Whitwell