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Summer 1 2024

Upcoming Diversity Events:

- Diet and nutrition
- Religion through art
- Summer fayre
- Independence Week

Your child's class teacher will provide further information on diversity events through weekly phone calls.

Our website:

www.cherrytreeschool.org.uk

Our private facebook group:



Cherry Tree School,
Walsall

I think summer is finally here! After months of playing in the rain, we have been out in the sunshine (with our hats and sun cream of course!). We have been exploring the nature reserve, walks through the park and plenty of collaborative play.

We have enjoyed celebrating diversity and enrichment events including Eid, St. George's Day and Independence Week. Pupils embraced a return visit from West Midlands Fire Service and enjoyed using the fire and water equipment.

Our school community continues to grow. This half term we welcomed two new teachers: Monica (Class Morgan) and Mark (Class Tuva).

My door is always open to parents / carers and I welcome an open dialogue so please feel free to contact me on 01922 662460 should you wish to discuss anything.



During this half term, students in Caspian have been exploring our 'minibeasts' topic. During Understanding the World students watched our tiny caterpillars turn into big, beautiful butterflies! They have also enjoyed having a visit from an animal lady, where they were able to observe lots of minibeasts. Throughout this half term we have celebrated Eid, St George's Day and VE Day. The students have created some beautiful art work using various tools such as paints, paint sticks, felt tips, crayons and used materials for gluing and sticking. All students have also loved ticking 'Make a mud pie' off their Cherry Tree 50. They explored the edible 'mud' to create their mud pie, and enjoyed adding sprinkles on the top!

We have had a great half term, full of learning, dancing, singing and lots of messy play.





Students in Class Morgan have enjoyed another busy half term at Cherry Tree School. During this half term, students in Morgan have been exploring our 'minibeasts' topic. During Understanding the World children explored the life cycle of a butterfly and had the amazing opportunity to watch how caterpillars change into butterflies! They have also enjoyed working together to create a minibeast theatre and they loved using the minibeast puppets to sing the song Incy Wincy Spider. They also had the opportunity to meet a few of the animals they have been learning about such as snails, spiders, cockroaches and more during a visit from an animal lady. During this term the pupils used a variety of materials and resources to create some beautiful artwork such as footprint/handprint minibeasts and painting a bug hotel. All students were also able to tick two of our Cherry Tree 50 'making a mud pie' and 'holding a minibeast' (ladybird).

Everyone had a great term filled with learning, dancing, sharing and lots of messy play.



Class Henson



In maths, this term Class Henson have been exploring Numicon shapes and Numicon shape patterns. Students have also been introduced to plus and minus symbols using vocabulary including 'add' and 'take away'.

In science, Class Henson's topic is Living things and their habitats. We went to Lower Drayton farm to explore the fields where plants grow and plant our sunflowers. We are looking forward to revisiting the farm to see our sunflowers bloom.

We also visited the large animal zone and participated in an animal talk about their habitats and what they enjoy eating.



For Cherry Tree 50 Class Henson took part in a visit from the Animal Lady, engaging in a fun and exciting workshop and getting up close to the mini beast and holding them. We got to meet a baby chinchilla, a red rump tarantula and a grass snake.



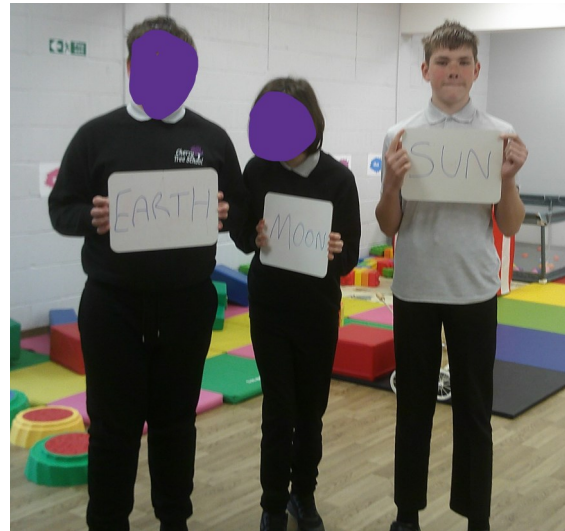
Class Blazer

In math's, KS2 have explored negative numbers and place value of large six-digit numbers. They then looked at fractions, decimals and took at first look at percentages. They explored how to convert between the three and compare the three. KS3 have been looking at the geometry topic of angles, triangles and quadrilaterals. They have learned the names of triangles and quadrilaterals and the associated rules to be able to calculate angles. They also looked at using a protractor to measure and draw angles.

In science the KS2 students have been looking at the solar system and planets. They explored how the earth rotates around the sun and how the moon's orbit creates day and night. They then identified other planets in the solar system and their order from the sun. One pupil used other pupils as planets to describe how the moon orbits the Earth and the Earth orbits the sun.

The Cold War was the topic for KS3 history this term. Pupils learned about the events after the second World War that led to the Cold War and which countries were involved. They explored the Cuban missile crisis and the key dates during the cold war.

For Cherry Tree 50 Class Blazer took a trip to Cannock Chase where they used a map and compass to navigate a walk and then had a picnic. This ticked off two activities for Cherry Tree 50. The pupils enjoyed the fresh air and the walk.





This summer term in history lessons, the children have been transported back 2500 years as they have studied the achievements of the Ancient Greeks. Using the Virtual Reality head-sets they have been able to explore many of the wonders – The Parthenon, The Acropolis of Athens and Mount Olympus

Continuing the Ancient Greek theme in PE, the students spent an afternoon performing in the modern-day Olympics! They competed in the relay, hurdles, discus, shot put and javelin events, and all came back to class with a medal that they had created in their art lesson.



The school was visited by numerous animals and the children loved to see a grass snake, a chin-chilla, African snails and a Mexican red rump tarantula! All of the children had a chance to interact with the animals and feel the different textures that they had. The bunny rabbits still stole