



Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024

Spring 1 Starts:
Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Spring 1 Ends:
Friday 14th February 2025

Upcoming Diversity Events:

World Religion Day

Aspirational Day

Burns Night

Lego Day

Chinese New Year

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

We have had a wonderful Autumn term at Cherry Tree School. We enjoyed celebrating Children in Need where staff and pupils wore their best pyjamas and engaged in activities learning about helping others. We experienced our first heavy snowfall as a school! We embraced the cold weather by building snowmen- a Cherry Tree 50 achievement! Plenty of other Cherry Tree 50 tasks have also been completed throughout the school. Some pupils have visited cafes, some have climbed hills and others have even spoken to someone from a different generation!

Throughout the term, Okeam, our wonderful music therapist, has been preparing for the Winter Wonderland Concert. Pupils and staff worked tremendously hard to make the morning one to remember. The concert was absolutely wonderful and showcased how special our children are. We will be playing a recording of the concert on a loop during the IEP Family morning (10am-12 noon on Tuesday 7th January).

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. We would like to take the opportunity to wish you a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year.





Class Caspian have had a brilliant half term whilst exploring Autumn and Celebrations. Students have enjoyed a trip to The Hollybush Garden Centre, where they looked at Christmas decorations. They have celebrated Inter-Faith Week, where they matched religious symbols and used their gluing and sticking skills to stick them onto paper. Students have lined numbered stockings in order, some from 1-5, and some from 1-10. We have had lots of role-play opportunities to include making a sleigh, turning our room into a grotto and building hedgehog houses! We have loved creating Rangoli patterns whilst celebrating Diwali and enjoyed singing different nursery rhymes for Nursery Rhyme Week.

Students have enjoyed using the science lab to create 'Lava Lamps'. They used their fine motor skills to tip the coloured water into the bottle with oil inside, and carefully added bicarbonate of soda to make it bubble and fizz!





Class Morgan

In science this half term, we have loved exploring different materials and learning all about their properties. This led us on a fantastic walk outside of school to discover materials in the real world! On our adventure, we spotted wooden huts, metal shelters, stones, and even ropes on swings. It was amazing to see how materials are used all around us!

In our topic this half term, we have continued learning about famous people who have changed history. We became explorers, investigating ice just like Shackleton, and even took *"a trip to space in our rocket"*, following in the footsteps of great astronauts. It's been an exciting journey of discovery and adventure!

This half term, we've truly embraced the Christmas spirit! We've enjoyed some wonderful trips, including a magical visit to see Santa at the Snow Dome. We also marvelled at the beautiful Christmas lights and spent time with some adorable animals—such special moments to get us ready for the festive season!

Class Morgan would like to wish all our friends, family, and loved ones a truly magical **Merry Christmas** and a joyful holiday season.

Happy holidays, everyone!



Class Henson have worked hard this half term and have enjoyed spending time at the park during the snow days, where we enjoyed playing in the snow together and attempted to make a snowman.

This term in PE, Class Henson enjoyed an Outdoor Adventure topic and visited Laches Wood where they had the opportunity to work on a variety outdoor activities and personal skills including team building. The children developed their climbing skills by taking part in rock climbing. A highlight was when the pupils went caving and they enjoyed activities around the fire pit. It has been wonderful to see the children develop their confidence and resilience throughout the term.

Class Henson have taken part in various diversity days such as Children in Need. The class enjoyed dressing up in their pyjamas and raised money for charity. We also celebrated St Andrews Day where they got the chance to explore the Scottish flag and have taken part in crafts to create their own kilt using different materials.

All the children have worked really hard on developing their fine motor skills by taking part in arts and crafts to support the upcoming Christmas performance.



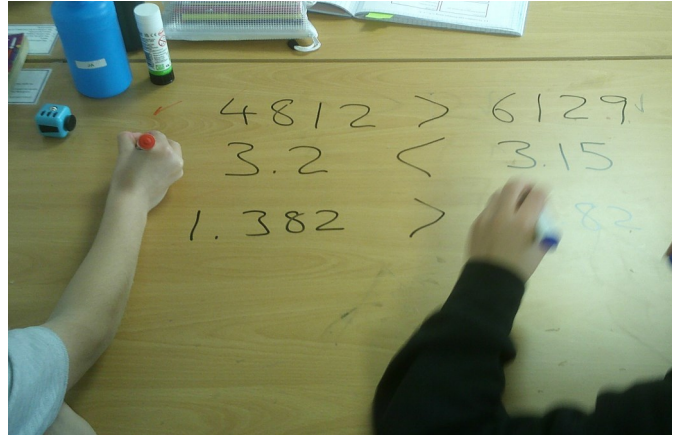
Class Blazer

In maths the year 7 pupils focused their attention on place value and ordering integers and decimals. They explored the signs $<$, $>$ and $=$, and placed numbers up to a billion on number lines. They then used the same skills to order decimals and calculated the range and median of sets of data. The year 8 pupils explored the topic of straight-line graphs and wrote equations in the form of $y=mx+c$ to describe the lines. The year 9 pupil looked at the volume and surface area of 2D and 3D shapes. They was able to describe the shapes and break them down into smaller shapes to calculate volume and surface area.

In history the class have been investigating the Battle of Hastings and the events leading up to it. Pupils explored the contenders to the throne, the key battles prior to the Battle of Hastings and the tactics and weapons used during the battle. They then used different sources and interpretations to decide on how King Harold was killed. They particularly enjoyed reenacting the battle.

In science the class have been exploring the topic of breathing and respiration. They learned about aerobic and anaerobic respiration, the effects of exercise and breathing rate. They performed an experiment to check their pulse rate before and during exercise.

For Cherry Tree 50 the class visited Cannock Chase and had the task of building a den. This involved using their social skills to work as a team to build a den so that they could have a snack without getting wet. They designed and engineered a great little den in the time allocated.





Class Tuva



Tuva have settled back into school well this half term and have had an exciting half term too.

We have been blessed with numerous snow days where we have been to the park next door and had snowball fights with our peers and teachers and even made a snow man too.

We have also been on various trips to complete our Cherry Tree 50 activities, such as visit a café, post a letter, play in the snow, visit a library and visit a theatre.

In English we have focused on Poetry and explored Poems such as 'Hey Diddle Diddle', 'At the Zoo' and 'The Animal Fair'. The children have all participated in lessons with great enthusiasm and we look forward to starting the next English topic.

In science we have been exploring the lifecycles of animals such as frogs, chickens, butterflies, and dogs. We have compared humans and animals to see who grows babies inside and outside of the stomach.

The children have also been working really hard on their Makaton signing. The new signs they have learnt this term are winter, cold, help, kind, Christmas and New Year.

Well done on a great return back Class Tuva, enjoy your Christmas and lets start 2025 off with a BANG!!



This term in English children in Jutland have been listening to different poems and explored props that represent poem events. They have also used various senses to explore various items from the poems such as foods, clothes etc. The children showed great focus on what was being read, whilst looking at the pictures relating to the part of the poem. They also attempted to use the props to re-enact parts of the poem with staff prompting and encouragement..

During PE, this term, children in Class Jutland worked on mastering basic movements such as running, jumping, balancing, climbing, throwing and catching. They have done a magnificent job maintaining their balance whilst on a horse and used staff support when grooming the horses they rode on. Pupils have also engaged beautifully whilst offsite at the park where they showcased their ability to climb on the ropes, balance on the see-saw, going down the slide and running around. They have also explored a variety of balls such as tennis balls, basketballs, football and rugby balls whilst moving around the playground.

This term children have been developing their social skills by taking part in various activities such as celebrating each other's birthdays, playing together, and sharing toys. They've enjoyed trying a variety of different party foods and during break they have socialized with children from other classes.

