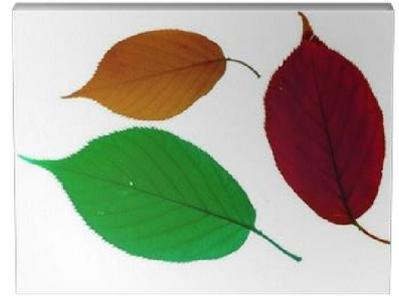


Cherry Tree Class Curriculum Statement



Autumn 2018

Over the Autumn term in Cherry Tree Class we are going to be thinking carefully about the whole-school question 'I wonder if humans have become greedy?' primarily by learning about the Romans.

We will be investigating what life was like as an ancient Roman, both as a citizen and as a member of the army, as well as the Roman invasion of Britain. We will debate about who the invasion was good for and how Britain benefited, as well as look at British resistance. To help us with this topic, we will be reading *Roman Diary: Journal of Iliona, Young Slave* by Richard Platt in order to immerse ourselves in what life in ancient Rome was like. We will study this through drama and role-play, writing our own speech, making predictions and reading comprehension, as well as writing our own journal entries. We will be using this book as our gateway into understanding Roman life before half-term. After half-term, the focus will be on the Roman invasion of Britain and the power of the army, where we will be researching using the internet and non-fiction books. As we move towards Christmas, the literacy focus will shift towards looking at different types of poetry and writing our own.

In maths we will be learning about place value, looking closely at the worth of different digits and understanding the difference between two- and three- digit numbers. We will also be focusing on how to use a variety of maths resources, and how they can help us to support and take responsibility for our own learning. As we progress, we will look at telling the time on analogue and digital clocks, as well as with Roman numerals, and developing our written and mental methods for addition and subtraction. After half-term, we will continue to develop these methods, as well as create and compare 2D and 3D shapes, and the children in Year 3 will investigate angles and parallel/perpendicular lines around the school. We will also be covering methods for multiplication and division.

Our focus for science will be forces and magnets. We will be working practically and conducting experiments to see which surfaces have the most friction and why, what pushes and pulls are, which materials are magnetic and why that might be, and what happens when you hold two magnets together. Asking questions and thinking carefully about our results is really important, and the children are encouraged to record carefully in their science books and to take science outside of the classroom. To round off our science topic, we will be learning about Isaac Newton's life and achievements.

The children will have a good exposure to RE both in and outside of lessons, through collective worship, visits to the church, and our work on Christians' relationship with God this half-term, particularly towards Christmas. We will also be looking at how the Romans influenced religion and comparing the two.

In Cherry Tree Class we are particularly excited about art and will be creating our own mosaics, inspired by the Romans. We will also work carefully to create our own self-portraits and Harvest

paintings, comparing different styles. The Year 3 children will have recorder lessons each week, and all the children in class will learn French on a Friday.

We will have a larger emphasis on computing after the half-term, but will also be integrating it into other lessons. Purple Mash has some excellent resources for learning times tables, and we will be creating storyboards in literacy. We aim to develop the children's independence when using computing technology, as well as stress the importance of online safety. The excellent book *Chicken Clicking* by Jeanne Willis has become a class favourite and the children are always keen to explain why the chicken is making a mistake...

Outdoor learning will be centred primarily in the school grounds whilst we get used to the rules and routines, but we hope to expand as the term goes on. We will be using this time to explore pushes and pulls in science, shapes in maths, as well as aerial photographs, maps, and to gain an understanding of our local area. For PSHE we will be considering carefully our responsibilities, how votes work, and how we use and save money. In Philosophy, we will be discussing and thinking about what love is and whether the best things in life come free, well timed for Christmas!

PE will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, though we ask that the PE kits come into school on a Monday and remain here throughout the week. The children in Year 3 also do cross-country on a Monday morning. New homework tasks will be sent out every half-term, and are due in on a Monday.