

## Cherry Tree Class letter Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half

Wednesday,  
27<sup>th</sup> February



Learning some tricky rules in P.E.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what was hopefully a restful week. Welcome too to Thomas who has joined us in y4.

I am really looking forward to this half term in which we have many lovely activities already lined up. During week 1 we have the Eisteddfod when the children will have the chance to show off their talents and in the second week we have World Book Day which this year falls on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character and to bring a teddy as well as a book to swap. This will be followed by science week which starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> March.

It feels as though our trip to PGL on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May is just around the corner. The informal PGL chat will take place at 3.30 on the 29<sup>th</sup> March and it would be lovely to see you there. This is an opportunity for me to tell you a little about the venue and to answer any questions which you may have.

In class we will continue to do lots of learning. The Maths topics will be fractions and roman numerals, shape and position and direction as well as continuing to become really fluent with multiplication tables. In June, all year 4s will be sitting a multiplication test which will last about 25 minutes and is designed to assess which children know all of their multiplication tables and whether each question can be answered within 5 seconds. To help prepare your child, please continue to support their learning. The hardest tables are the 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x and 12x and I understand that the test will have many questions focussing on these tables. Froggy maths tests will continue to be on Tuesdays.

In English, the children will learn how to write information texts and letters. They will continue to have phonics lessons and weekly words will continue to be sent home. Spelling tests remain on Wednesdays.

Science and geography have some overlaps this term. We will be looking at 'Living things and their habitats' in geography and studying biomes, climate zones, the water cycle and vegetation belts in science. During the last week, the children will be working in groups to make their own mini Eden projects. Any donations of suitable materials (e.g. recyclable packaging) will be very gratefully received.

P.E. will continue to be taught on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit, **including trainers**, ready for every lesson. As the children are growing quickly it might be an idea to check that footwear still fits.

### Looking back

The children learnt some tricky rules and games as part of our Cognitive Learning topic. Arlo was awarded an arm band in recognition of his skills in this area. The children really enjoyed learning to sing 'Footfoot, tu as un animal?' with Mrs Sherwood as part of their French animal topic. A high point was the circus day when the children not only watched an excellent one man show but when they also went on to learn juggling skills. Much fun was had by all!

As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or to celebrate your child's achievements.

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Best wishes,

Jennifer Langford



The circus man came to Clifford and entertained us with his tricks.