

Curriculum Information



Cherry Class

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Hello everyone! I hope that everyone is safe and well! Normally I would be welcoming you back to the summer term in our lovely classroom with new starters coming to join our regular friends but we find ourselves in strange times.

Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who has been in regular contact with me to share home learning and pictures of the things that you have been getting up to. The class blog is updated weekly with tasks for you to do and you can find this on our Cherry Class page on the school website. I would like to encourage everyone to drop me a message each week so that I can keep in touch with you about your child's learning.

Learning and Development

This half term, much of the stimulation for our learning comes from the story of the Ugly Duckling and the wildlife that is around us in our gardens and as we are out walking. Learning challenges on our website will regularly link to this theme. In addition to this, priorities for our Cherry learners are detailed below:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Develop concentration and interaction skills by offering opportunities for your child to engage with tasks such as jigsaw puzzles, simple games such as snap and matching pairs and listening to stories.

Communication and Language:

Spend as much time as you can sharing stories, songs and rhymes with your child. Learning nursery rhymes off by heart is fun and so good for language development! If you're a Facebook user, you might like to search for **Sing With Me**. Avril Huntly is streaming a live singing session every Saturday afternoon at 3pm and this comes highly recommended from us at Swansfield! Take every opportunity to talk with your child about the world around them and build new vocabulary relating to spring, summer, animals, colours, textures, tastes and smells!

Physical Development:

Having lots of time in the house is an ideal opportunity to work towards toilet training. Remember to be consistent and of course, patient!

Also take the time to practise fine and gross motor development. When you're out for your walk, do some running, some jumping, some hopping and even a bit of skipping! If the weather is not so good, maybe you could do some drawing, colouring or painting. Don't forget to hold those pencils and paint brushes with a tripod grip (thumb and 1st two fingers). No fists!

I know that many of you will be juggling home learning with your own work and the general demands of family life. So, remember to be kind to yourselves. These are suggestions of things that you could do. Above all else, the main thing that you can do to support your little one at home is talk with them!

Here are some handy websites and links that may be useful to you:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

<https://activeforlife.com/49-fun-physical-activities-to-do-with-kids-aged-2-to-4/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/indoor-activities>

<https://www.naturallylearning.co.uk/50outdoor-activities-toddlers/>

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/eyfs/>

Even though we can't be together at the moment, I'm contactable each working day on the email address at the top of this newsletter and I'm only too happy to help and support you in any way that I can.

Kind regards,

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