



## This Term in Cherwell Class

Welcome back to a new term in Cherwell Class. The children have made an amazing start to the term by showing enthusiasm and energy towards their learning!

### A Reminder on Day to Day Basics

Our PE days will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please come dressed in your PE kit on these days. You will not need your uniform.

You will need a **water bottle** (especially as the weather gets warmer) and your **trainers** in school everyday.

You will also need your **book bag** everyday.

On a **Friday** we will do **Strictly Come Speaking** which is your chance to bring something into school to talk about.

Please make sure that clothing is labelled, especially school sweatshirts. Thank you.



### Our Topic and Learning

Our main class topic is called **School Days**. This is an Historical project and will enable us to 'step back in time' to explore what school life was like in the past, especially in Victorian times. We have arranged a Museum Workshop session (at school) on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. The children are invited to dress up as a child from the past, if they would like to. More details to follow.

We are starting our literacy learning with a 3 week focus on the book '**Lost and Found**' by **Oliver Jeffers**. This will be followed by '**Pig the Pug**' by **Aaron Blabey**. After the half term break, our key texts will be '**Iggy Peck, Architect**' by **A.Beatty & D.Roberts** and '**The Magic Bed**' by **John Burningham**.

In maths we will be focusing on **multiplication & division**, **Fractions** and **Geometry** (position and direction). After Half term we will move on to, **place value**, **money** and **time**.

Our Science topic is called **Animal Parts** and we will be comparing different animals from different groups such as birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, mammals & invertebrates.

In **RE** we will be looking at **Judaism** and finding out about the celebration of **Shabbat**.

In art we will be exploring **street views** and The work of **James Rizzi**, an American pop artist.

This term in PSHE we will be looking at **Relationships**. And in Music, we will be **exploring pitch** and performing simple melodic patterns.

Finally in **Computing**, we will be learning how to join commands, exploring sprites; and using algorithms to create programs.

#### Home Learning

In Cherwell Class we would like the children to continue to read daily, or as much as possible. You can record any reading in your child's Reading Record book. It is very helpful to know when and what your child has been reading.

RWI sessions are daily and you will receive on a Monday, a list of focus words to practice with your child (this term, there may be 2 sounds per week for some groups). There is a spelling check on these words on a Friday.

There is also a Home Learning grid which includes activities that support our learning in the classroom. There is an opportunity to share and show these activities in the classroom.

#### Finally

In relation to our School Days topic, we are looking for any parents, grandparents or even great grandparents that would be willing to come into school to talk about their time at school and how it was different from today. Please let us know if you think you might be able to help with this.

After the half term break, we are planning a trip to The Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre (provisional date Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July) which will support our next science topic on Plants. More details to follow nearer to the date.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this term or would like to discuss anything further.

Kind Regards,

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