



Welcome to Cherwell Class

A warm welcome to Year 1 which is named Cherwell Class and the new academic year.

Our Teachers

Mrs Ilsley teaches on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday

Mrs McConaghy teaches on a Wednesday and Thursday morning

Day to Day

Our PE days are **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 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 (more details and dates will follow).

Our Topic and Learning

We are starting our learning with a 2 week focus in literacy on the book **Change Sings** by **Amanda Gorman**. We are looking forward to making our own lines of poetry! Following this we will go on to explore the texts **Astro Girl** by Ken Wilson-Max and **Cave Baby** by Julia Donaldson & Emily Gravett.

Our class topic is called **Amazing Me**. This theme includes learning about our senses in Science and taking an historical look back at how childhood has changed, mainly by looking at how toys have changed. We will also be looking closely at portraits and making our own funny faces with fabulous features!

In maths we will be focusing on **Place Value and Addition & Subtraction** through lots of practical activities.

In **RE** we will be looking at Christianity, starting with the Creation Story and in **PSHE** our unit is *Being Me in My World*.

This term in computing we will be looking at technology around us.

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 will start soon and you will receive on a Monday, a list of focus words to practice with your child which are linked to the **RWI** learning for the week.

We are in the process of reviewing our Home Learning Policy and more details will follow on this.

Finally

In our role play area, we are making a **Toy Shop**, if you have any small empty boxes that have had toys in them, they would be very useful.

If you are able to offer any time to hear children read, then please let us know. We would really appreciate any help with this.

We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,
Julie Ilsley and Helen McConaghy