



This Term in Cherwell Class

A very Happy New Year to you all and we would like to thank you for all the Christmas gifts that we received and kind messages at the end of last term.

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** 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 (starting this week).



Our Topic and Learning

Our class topic is called **Bright Lights, Big City**. This project includes learning about physical and Human characteristics of the UK and a detailed Study of London. There will also be chance to find out about The Great Fire of London, later in the term.

We are starting our literacy learning with a 3 week focus on the book '**Beegu**' by **Alexis Deacon**. This will be followed by '**The Odd Egg**' by **Emily Gravett**. After the half term break, our key texts will be '**Stanley's Stick**' by **J.Hegley** and **N.Layton**; and '**Dinoasurs and all that Rubbish**' by **Michael Foreman**.

In maths we will be focusing on **Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Length & Height** and **Mass and Volume**.

In **RE** we will be looking at Christianity, starting with looking at friendship, exploring '**Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?**' and then moving onto the Christian celebration of **Easter**.

This term in PSHE we will be looking at **Dreams and Goals**, followed by **Healthy Me**.

In DT our unit of learning is called **Taxi** and involves learning about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move.

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 which are linked to the **RWI** learning for the week. 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. These are optional.

Finally

Later in the term, we hope to visit Radley College Farm to explore the season of Winter at close hand. This will enable us find out more about animals; how they adapt to different seasons; and their lifecycles.

In our role play area, we are making a **Travel Agents**, if you have any brochures or magazines about travel, they would be very useful.

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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