



Dear Cherry class parents and carers,

I hope that you had a restful break over the Easter holidays.

This half term, we will be exploring two topics. A geography based topic - **Where Did the Three Bears Go On Holiday?** and a whole school poetry topic - **Once Upon a Poem.**

### **Around The World With The Three Bears**

Our main curriculum focus will be centred around **geography**, where we will be exploring the following questions:

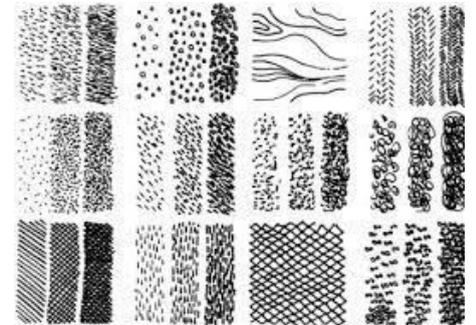
- What are the 7 continents?
- Where are our 5 oceans?
- Which countries are in Europe?
- Would the three bears prefer to go to a European or Non-European country?
- How can I read a map / Atlas?



### **Once Upon a Poem**

In addition to exploring limericks, our main curriculum focus will be centred around art, where we will be exploring the following questions:

- How can I use a range of media to create a funny portrait to go alongside my poem?
- How can I use my pencil to create different types of texture?
- What is a portrait and how can I create one?
- How can I mix colours to create new ones?
- How can I use colour and texture to bring a poem to life through art?



What is a limerick?

A limerick is a humorous five-line poem with a rhyme scheme *aabba*.

E.g. There was an Old Man in a Boat by Edward Lear

There was an Old Man in a boat,

Who said, 'I'm afloat, I'm afloat!'

When they said, 'No! you ain't!'

He was ready to faint,

That unhappy Old Man in a boat.



In **computing**, we will focus our learning around how to stay safe online. In these lessons, we will be discussing the importance of not sharing personal information and passwords with friends and strangers, what devices we use that connect to the Internet, examples of incidents that could occur online (e.g. pop-ups) and how to solve these problems and we will be creating a set of class rules to help us to stay safe.

In **music**, children will explore metre in music by comparing 3/4 and 4/4 rhythms through body percussion and movement, by listening to Shostakovich's Jazz Suites; we will continue to learn to play the ocarina and develop our understanding of music and performance through singing songs including a polish circle game!

### **KS1 Assessments**

In line with government guidance, we will be completing national assessments with our Y2 children before half term. These will be in reading and maths. Writing will be assessed by Miss Freedman and moderated with teachers from schools in our partnership. Miss Freedman will be sharing more information about these assessments at parents evening.

### **Homework:**

Thank you to everyone who is regularly completing homework. It makes a big impact on your child's progress in class. Homework this term will remain the same as last half term:

- Reading daily and logging reading in reading journals - please ensure that these come into school daily with library books.
- 15-30 minutes of Doodle Maths daily.
- I will continue to send out a Sticky Question for discussion on a Wednesday, ahead of our Philosophy for Children discussion that will take place on a Thursday.

If you have misplaced your login, you can find it at the front of your child's reading record.

We also have access to Doodle Spell and Doodle English - these are separate apps from Doodle Maths but use the same login details. I know a lot of children are already making full use of these subscriptions at home.

### **Library Books:**

- Please make sure your child's library books are in school on a Tuesday when they will be collected.
- New books will be sent home on a Wednesday.

Please remember you have access to the Oxford Owl website:

Username: cherrybp

Password: BPOxfordOwl

There is a slip at the front of your child's reading record that tells you which reading band your child is working on in school (following the Read Write Inc scheme) and how this translates to the Oxford Owl reading book band colours. If your child does not have a slip in the front of their reading record, they are secure readers and have completed the Read Write Inc book banded scheme.

### **PE Kits:**

We will continue to do PE on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday** in Cherry class. Although this is our plan, please ensure that PE kits are in school every day as sometimes plans change. Please ensure that all jewellery is removed, long hair is tied back and that children have trainers that they can do up by themselves.

**Key Dates:**

25 April	Nursery provision opens.
26 April (10:15)	Jigsaw Parent Group: support for families with children with SEND
28 April	Cherry Class parents' evening
2nd May	Bank Holiday
9 May	Video Team in making a promo video of our school
17 May	Class photos
30th May - 3rd June	Half-term holiday.
19th July	School finishes for summer holiday at 1:15pm

Best wishes,

Miss Freedman