



Cherry

AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER 2026



Welcome to Year 1!

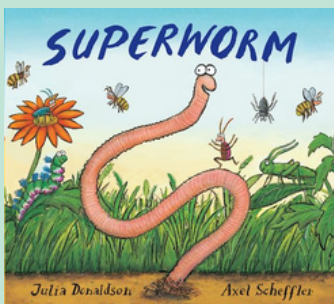
To begin this term in Cherry Class we will be spending time getting to know our new classroom, learning new routines and settling in together.

Our topic this half term is all about our local area. We will be learning more about where we live, reading maps, recognising some map symbols and writing addresses.

Throughout the Autumn term in science we will be looking at materials, while thinking like a scientist and asking lots of questions about the properties of materials around us: Is it waterproof? Is it flexible? Is it transparent? We have a very exciting trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park to support our learning in science.



Talk 4 Writing



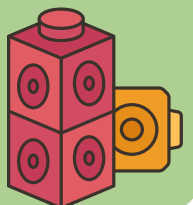
In year 1, we will be developing our writing skills with Talk 4 Writing. Our first book is Superworm and we will be using our model text to support different opportunities to further our writing skills, widen vocabulary and build confidence. Drama, rehearsal, learning the story and shared writing will help the children grow into independent writers.

This half term we will be concentrating on our transcription skills and reminding children about letter formation and structuring simple sentences. We will be using capital letters, full stops and remembering to use finger spaces.

Maths

This term our focus is numbers to 10. We will be counting, ordering and representing numbers. We will be exploring number bonds to 10 and start to use addition and subtraction.

We follow the Maths no Problem scheme and will continue to make lessons practical and engaging, using concrete resources such as cubes and counters.



Dates for the Diary

2026



Year 1 Meet the teacher - date to be confirmed

Monday 5th October @ 2:45pm - Open classroom

Tuesday 6th October @ 9:15am- Harvest Service @

St Mark's Church Led by Y1/Y2

Tuesday 13th October - class trip to Queen

Elizabeth Country Park

19th October - 30th October - Half term

Our value this half term
is:
Respect

Things to remember:



From this term our school P.E. days are Monday and Wednesday. **Please send your child in wearing P.E. kit on those days.**

P.E. kit = trainers, plain black shorts, plain black tracksuit bottoms (not leggings), maroon school branded polo shirt or house coloured t shirt, school jumper or fleece.

No jewellery of any kind to be worn on these days and long hair as always must be tied back.

Please....



Make sure your child has a pair of named wellies at school and brings in a coat and water bottle every day.

Homework

In Year 1 we expect the children to read for 10 minutes every day. The children will bring home a weekly reading book which they have been reading at school and also a library book and a "Read with me" book. Please ensure all reading books are returned to school every Friday.

We will also be sending home spelling words to practise each week which are related to our phonics lessons and will include the sounds of the week and tricky words.

How to help at home...

You can help your child at home by playing games, cooking, gardening, chatting together, looking for the positive, and helping them to get ready for school the night before so that the mornings are calmer.

We will continue to use the Trickbox strategies to help with emotional management and personal development. Ask your children for details about what we have been learning this half term. More info at <https://trickbox.co.uk>



READ
EVERY DAY