

# Cherry



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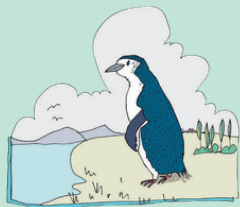
This term in Cherry Class, our topic is Africa. We will learn where the continent of Africa is on the map and will be taking a closer look at the country of Kenya. We will be learning about the landscape of Kenya in the cities, villages and the wilderness. We will learn about what animals you might find on safari in Kenya using our science knowledge from last term to think about where their habitat might be based on what they need (e.g. savannah, grassland etc).

In science we will be starting a new topic on plants. The children will be planting their own sunflowers to bring home and watch grow as well as one in class that we can observe changes in each lesson. This half term our focus will be on parts of the plant and identifying plants based these (e.g. knowing a plant might become a sunflower or rose based on whether the stem is thick with hairs or thin with thorns).



## Talk 4 Writing

This half term our model text will be 'Trixie Stickybeak- An adventurous penguin!' by Alison Cooper.



We will be continuing to focus on our simple sentence structures and narratives.



We will also be looking at the poem '10 things found in a wizard's pocket' by Ian McMillan.

We will be exploring how to build a short sentence that creates a picture in the readers' minds using adjectives.



## Maths

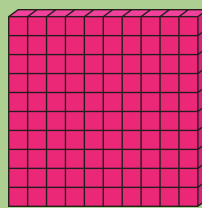
MATHS  
NO PROBLEM!

This half term in Year 1 we will be applying everything we've learned so far about our 10s and 1s, number patterns and more/less to numbers up to 100!

We will be building on our work on equal groups in Spring 2 by making equal groups to solve simple word problems.

We will be building on our understanding of 'whole' and 'not whole' by introducing the concepts of 'half' and 'quarter' of objects and quantities.

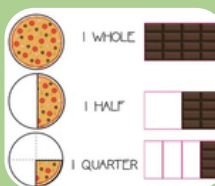
Finally this half term we will begin to introduce telling time to the hour and half past the hour.



Share the gems between the chests.



How many gems will there be in each chest?



# Dates for the Diary



13/4/26 - Summer term begins

28/4/26 - School Photos (individual)

1/5/26 - Year 1 planting day (please can children bring in newspaper for making their plant pots!)

04/5/26 - May Bank Holiday

18/5/26 - FOSMAS obstacle race

22/5/26 - INSET day

25/5/26 - Half Term Week



## 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.

As we are approaching the phonics screening check, split digraphs continue to be a focus (e.g. i-e in like, u-e in cube). Helping to spot these in words around them is always useful and if anyone would like some further practise let me know.

## 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. Smile!

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>



TRICK BOX

Our value this half term is:

Friendship

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.

READ  
EVERY DAY