



## Welcome to Peartree Class

We hope you have had a lovely

summer and are looking forward to starting a new school year in Peartree class after such a difficult time with the Covid-19 school special arrangements.

Mrs Crowley will teach our class on Tuesday mornings and Miss Heritage is our class teaching assistant every day. Mrs Goodfellow will be joining us daily from September 21st and we are also lucky to have Miss Holding and Mrs Avis.

Please find attached an overview of the topics that we will be covering this year. Please feel free to discuss things, with your children at home, to do with our current topic; they often get very excited about these!

## Topic

This first half term we will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. Where possible we will be linking this across the curriculum.

Your child will be required to do one piece of homework (of their choice) for each half term topic unit. This could be in the form of a picture, research, model or any other ideas they may have.

## Reading

In Peartree we feel that the most important thing you can do at home with your child is to read with them.

Every week your child will have one guided reading session. Where at all possible, they will also read with another adult during the week. Children will be responsible for changing **their own** reading books to help promote independence. However, at times they may pick up a wrong

colour book or one they've already read, please feel free to speak to me at home time and we can change it with them.

## Mental Maths

Year 2 will be given a login to our mental maths scheme 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. There will be a meeting scheduled, in the near future, to explain the scheme to parents.

Year 1 will be given a mental maths ladder target which they will work towards. This will be stuck in the front of their reading journals.

## Word Lists/sentences

We send home word lists and then sentences which your child should also practise at home. We have found these to be very effective at helping children with correct letter formation and to be more confident at spelling and writing in sentences. We will try

to change these 2 - 3 times a week; however, repetition is a good thing and re-enforces learning.

## Phonics

As you are aware, we are implementing a 'back on track' scheme for all learning across the curriculum to help 'plug' any gaps caused due to the unfortunate circumstances of the last school year. There will be a key focus on phonics for the first half term for all children. The year 2 spelling programme will be introduced at a later time to accommodate this.

Children will start to bring home word boxes with mini flash cards in. Please practice these with your children. We aim to change these at least once a week.

## P.E.

The P.E. days this year are Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning. Please

ensure your child's full kit (**indoor and outdoor**) is in school at all times.

**It is important that all the clothes that your child brings to school are labelled as when changing it is easy to get them mixed up. This applies to both uniform and P.E kits.**

## Water bottles

Please ensure that your child always has a named water bottle in school. These must be taken home each afternoon so they can be washed.

## Break/Lunch times

We will be using the school field for these times for the class groups to be able to spread out. Unfortunately, this means that their shoes may get a bit muddy so please send in a pair of labelled wellington boots, to stay in school, if you have not already done so.

## Independence

In Peartree we encourage the children to become as independent as possible. This is particularly the case in the mornings. Thank you for allowing them to come into the classroom and cloakroom on their own as this is already working very well.

## Keeping in contact

If at any point you would like to speak to me please don't hesitate to make arrangements with me to meet after school, as the very busy start to the school day and the fact that the children get straight into their learning, makes it difficult to talk in the mornings.

Feel free to talk to us about anything you are concerned about. We are here to work in partnership with you.

We hope that your child really enjoys working with us in Peartree and we are sure that they will make fantastic progress this year.

