



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 as a year one or as a year two 'Golden Pear'.

Mrs Evans is our teaching assistant on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and on Thursday and Friday mornings our teaching assistant is Miss Elliott. Mrs Crowley will teach our class on Tuesday mornings.

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 (History/Geography)

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 three guided reading sessions (decoding, performance voice and comprehension). 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'.

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.

Phonics

We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme which all children in Key Stage 1 are familiar with. I will post weekly learning onto Seesaw.

The year 2 spelling programme 'No Nonsense Spelling' will be introduced and a spelling journal will be sent home for practice at home. This does

need to remain in your child's book bag as they will be used during lessons.

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 as long as the weather permits.

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, on the 'Welly Pegs outside of the classroom, 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. Alternatively drop me a message on Seesaw (it is confidential and only I will see it).

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

