



With trust and care we will grow and flourish

Year 4 Parents Information Booklet

Spring Term 2020

At Pear Tree Junior School, we believe that learning is a two-way partnership, involving school and home. We hope this leaflet will answer some of your questions as your child learns in Year 6 and gives you some ideas of ways to help at home!

Inside this booklet you will see what your child is studying this half term. Please take time to read through and discuss this with you child.

Should you require any further information about the curriculum or any other queries please ask to speak to a member of staff

Teaching Staff

Class: Buxton

Teacher: Miss Hussain

Class: Bakewell

Teacher: Miss Talbot

Class: Dovedale

Teacher: Mr Hussain

Year 4 additional teaching staff

Mrs Warrilow

Mrs Johal

Miss Aisha

Mr Ozmen - PPA cover

Mrs Osbaldeston – PPA cover

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday and will be expected to be handed in the following Wednesday. Children who do not complete homework activities will complete them during their lunch times.

Knowledge Organisers

At Pear Tree we have introduced Knowledge Organisers (KOs) in class and as homework to help children to learn the essential knowledge they need for each topic they study. A Knowledge Organiser sets out in detail what we want children to know by heart by the end of the topic. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the KO by the end of the topic.

Reading

Your child will have a home school learning log and reading book, which will need to be taken home and returned to school every day. Your child should read at home every day and an adult will need to sign the learning log to show that your child has read. Reading diaries and logs will be checked every week.

PE Kits

Your child will need the correct PE kit. As the weather gets colder, we will allow children to wear dark jogging bottoms. We will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Over the year, your child will go swimming for a term. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school when it is their turn to go swimming.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform everyday. Make sure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

Websites to help

BBC Bitesize, Bug Club, Times Tables Rock Stars, Purple Mash

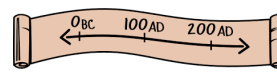
Science

In science we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be learning about the different classification of animals.



History

This half term we be learning about Shang Dynasty. We will be looking at the impact of early Chinese civilization and how it has had an effect on modern China.



Geography

In Geography we will be able to locate China on a map and any significant landmarks. We will also be learning about why China is an emerging country.



Shared Reading

During our English and Shared Reading lessons we will be reading The Firework Maker's Daughter. We will be using our reading skills to makes inferences and predications.



Enrichment

To experience Chinese food, art and clothing .
China Day.



Outcome

To have knowledge of The Shang Dynasty and to understand what life was like in Ancient China.



Maths

In Maths we will be learning about multiplication and division before moving onto fractions.

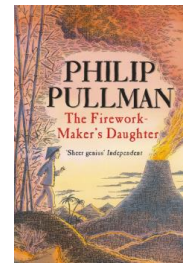
Your child will be able to:

- Recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.
- Multiply and divide using formal written methods.
- Count up and down in tenths and hundredths.
- Recognise and show, using diagrams fractions and equivalent fractions.
- Solve problems involving fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.



Key Text

This half-term we are reading The Firework Maker's Daughter.



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Writing Opportunities

During our Ancient China topic we will be learning about persuasive writing, letter writing and writing to entertain.



Key Question/Topic Why was the Shang Dynasty so powerful?

PSHE

This half-term we will be focusing on having a healthy lifestyle and we will be setting ourselves a physical challenge to complete.



Learning Together

To showcase our learning related to Ancient China on China Day.



Music

In our music lessons we will be learning how to play the flute



Computing

In computing we will be learning how to use search technologies to find research.



Art/DT

In our Art and DT sessions we will be creating some Chinese art.



PE

In PE will be learning Chinese dances and net wall games .



Languages

In French we will be learning numbers, dates and days of the week.



RE

During our RE sessions we will be learning about Buddhism.

