



*With trust and care we will grow and flourish*

Year 6 Parents Information Booklet

Spring Term 2018

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: Royce

Teacher: Mr Miah

Class: Nightingale

Teacher: Miss Farrell

Class: Arkwright

Teacher: Mrs Belleh

**Year 6 additional teaching staff**

Mrs Gibb

Miss Waring

Mrs Pratt

Mrs Batsford

Mrs Mayat

**Homework**

Maths and SPAG homework will be given out each Friday and will be expected in the following Tuesday. Children who do not complete homework activities will complete them during their lunchtimes.

**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 to an adult. Reading diaries and logs will be checked every week.

**PE Kits**

Your child will need correct PE kit. As the weather gets colder, we will allow children to wear dark jogging bottoms. We will be doing PE every week.

*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

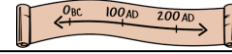
## Science

In Science we are learning about electricity, the symbols, safety, building circuits and the importance of electricity in our everyday life.



## History

In history we will learn about the Mayan civilisation, who they are, when they were around and their lasting legacy.



## Geography

In geography we will learn about South America, in particular Brazil and Mexico: its capitals, landscape and cultures.



## Shared Reading

We will be reading The Explore by Katherine Rundell.

We will be looking at a variety of videos, images songs and extracts from texts to build our comprehension skills.



## Enrichment

The children will take part in a Police workshop on internet safety.



## Outcome

To raise questions for enquiry and to develop curiosity and investigational skills. Improve our reading, writing and mathematical skills.



## Maths

In maths we will: Improve speed through daily arithmetic practise. Calculate ratio and proportion. Look at the properties and nets of 3D shapes. Applying reasoning skills to solve problems. SATs practise. Practise times tables at home using Times Tables Rock Stars.



## Writing Opportunities

We will write:

A persuasive text about the effect of deforestation.

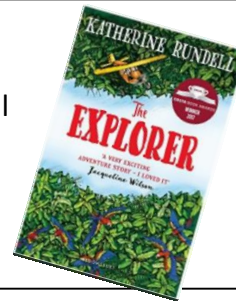
A debate on making choices and dealing with dilemmas.

An instruction text on how to signal fire.



## Key Text

The Explore by Katherine Rundell



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Key Question/Topic: Survival of the fittest.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be enquiring and investigating the question - Why are most spoons made in China when they all use chopsticks?



## Learning Together

We will be focusing on enquiry. We will raise questions and investigate them.



## Music

In music we will study samba - a style of drumming in Brazil



## Computing

In computing we will use the computers to practise reading on Bug Club and Times Table Rock stars.



## Art/DT

In art we will study Mayan art and carve out Mayan patterns.



## PE

In PE we will be playing invasion games – tag rugby.



## Languages

We will continue to learn key words and how to hold a basic conversation in French.



## RE

We will learn about the different places of worship and how they are similar and different across a range of religions.

