

# Curriculum Overview

## Autumn 1 2023

### Pear Tree Class

Dear families,

Hello and welcome to the new school year! Welcome to Pear Tree class. We are looking forward to beginning your child's learning journey in reception.

This half term we will be focussing on getting to know your child and how they learn best. Through play we will be developing communication and language skills, as well as building up phonics, mark making and maths skills.

Please ensure you have bought a bookbag and signed up to Marvellous Me for key messages, virtual classroom learning and your child's progress.

I will be on the door at pick up to answer any questions, or book a time to meet at the office.

*Rhiannon and Matilde*



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### **Important information:**

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
  - Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

## Key dates

A colorful poster with a blue background and autumn leaves. It lists key dates for the Autumn First Half Term 2023, from 06.09.23 to 20.10.23. The dates are listed in orange boxes with a white background for the text.

**06.09.23 - 20.10.23**

**Important dates for: Autumn First Half Term 2023**

**22nd September** **Jeans for Genes Day**  
Children wear Jeans and bring £1 for charity!  
(School jumper and shoes as normal)

**September & October** **Meet the Teacher sessions (at 8:45 - 9:45am)**  
Monday 25th September - Year 4    Tuesday 26th September - Year 6  
Friday 29th September - Year 5    Monday 2nd October - Year 1  
Wednesday 4th October - Year 2    Monday 9th October - Year 3

**27th September 8-45am** **MacMillan's World's biggest Coffee Morning**  
We invite parents to bring a cake and join with other parents for a lovely morning of coffee and chat as we raise money for MacMillan.

**3rd October 8-45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Learning to read (Phonics) in Reception  
We will be exploring how children in Reception are learning to read and how you can support at home.

**11th October 8-45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Learning to read (Phonics) in Year 1 and 2  
We will be exploring how children in year 1 and 2 are learning to read and how you can support at home.

**18th October 8-45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Online Safety Meeting  
Exploring the current risks, understanding age restrictions and top hints and tips to stay safe.

**20th October** **Last Day of Half term**  
School ends @3:30pm

### *Talk 4 Writing*

Talk for write encourages the children to extend their vocabulary by recalling stories through story maps. As a class, we also create actions and use props to engage all learners. We will begin with the story Skin, which uses repetitive refrains to engage and support. The story also discusses how every person is different and special.

### *RE*

In RE this term we will be learning to understand our school's visions. We will begin with 'Love your neighbour as yourself', discussing what this means in our classroom environment and the wider school.

### *Art & Design*

We are really excited to explore our creative area, experimenting with different materials and using them thoughtfully. We will develop our use of pastels, paint, collage and junk modelling. The children will be encouraged to discuss what they have made with others, using newly learned vocabulary to express themselves.

### *Polite notice*

Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes in school in case of emergencies or water play.

### *Corebook*

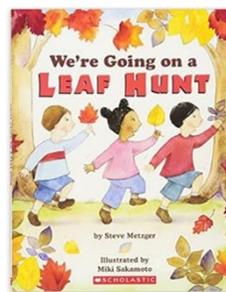
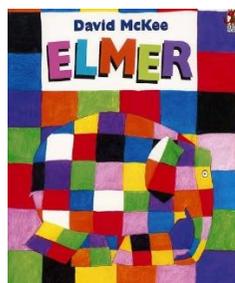
Our topics this term are 'All About Me', 'My School Community' and 'Autumn'. We will be exploring these themes through high quality texts 'Elmer', 'Ruby's Worry' and 'Tree'. We will be looking at these core books in depth so we can explore key themes around the topics, and develop oracy skills.



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*This half term in Reception we are thinking, learning and remembering...*

### *We are reading...*



### *Maths*

This half term we will be exploring numbers to gain a deep understanding of numbers to 10. This will enable the children to have mastery in their understanding of maths and develop a strong foundation to build upon. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, comparing by height and beginning to look at AB patterns.

### *Understanding the World*

Starting with Elmer and Skin, we will be looking at our differences and celebrating how we are all unique and special. We will be discussing our families and who they have made up of, using vocabulary around past and present and how we have grown since nursery.

### *Other books we'll enjoy...*

