

# Curriculum Overview

## Autumn 2 2023

### Pear Tree Class

Dear families,

Hello and welcome back!

We are looking forward to getting stuck back into our amazing learning in autumn 2.

We will be consolidating and building upon our class environment and learning this half term, with lots of exciting Christmas events to look forward to!

Please remember to purchase a bookbag for phonics packs and reading books to be sent home. Phonics packs are updated every day and books from our class library will be Tuesday and Fridays.

Also keep checking Marvellous Me for home learning and updates about your child's learning.

Very best wishes,  
Rhiannon and Matilde



### 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 vertical calendar titled 'UPCOMING events AUTUMN TERM - SECOND HALF 2023' with a Christmas tree icon. It lists events from October 31st to December 21st. Each event is in a colored bar with a date in a starburst on the left and a date in a starburst on the right. Some events include small icons like a teddy bear or a book.

**UPCOMING events**  
AUTUMN TERM - SECOND HALF 2023

Date	Event
31st OCT	Children return to school 8:45 INSET day on Monday 30th October
1st NOV	Coffee Morning - Times Tables
1st NOV	Coffee Morning - It takes a Village
8th NOV	Coffee Morning - SEND support drop-in
15th NOV	Coffee Morning - Handwriting
17th NOV	Children in Need Dress Up Day
20th to 24th NOV	Bikability - Y5 & 6
21st NOV	Coffee Morning - Sleep support
22nd to 24th NOV	Upton Court part two - Y4
29th NOV	Coffee Morning - Speech and Language
5th DEC	Coffee Morning - Supporting your child
5/6th DEC	Children's Progress evenings - Please book in
8th DEC	Coffee Morning - Staying safe online
12th DEC	Coffee Morning - Supporting anxiety
12th DEC	CHRISTMAS FAYRE! 3:45-5:30pm
14th to 18th DEC	Nativities @ The Church (All 2:00pm) Thursday 14th Dec: Y5 & 6 Friday 15th Dec: Y2, 3 & 4 Monday 18th Dec: EYFS & Y1
19th DEC	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch (for children)
20th DEC	9:00-10:00am School Christmas Church Service
21st DEC	Last Day - join us from 1:45pm for carols in the playground

### *Talk4Writing (T4W)*

We will be continuing to use story maps to enhance children's use of vocabulary and communication skills. We will begin with The Three Little Pigs, Look Up and then The Gingerbread Man.

### *RE*

In RE this term we will be looking at the story of the Nativity and what it means to Christians. We will also be exploring how other religions celebrate this time of time of year, including the holiday Hanukkah.

### *Art & Design*

The children have loved exploring the creative area and experimenting with different materials and techniques. They have especially enjoyed junk modelling and creating 3D pieces using recycled materials and their imagination.

### *Polite notices*

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

Now the weather is getting colder, please ensure children are wrapped up warmly to play outside.

### *Core book*

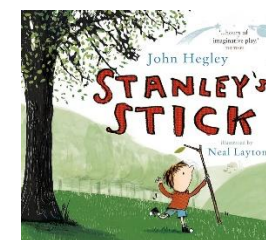
Our topics this term are: 'Materials', 'Journeys' and 'Christmas'. We will explore these themes through high quality texts Stanley's Stick, Astro Girl and The Crayons Who Quit Christmas. We will be looking in depth to develop whole body listening and oracy skills.

### *Maths*

We will be continuing to explore numbers to 5 in depth looking at number bonds, subitising and composition for maths mastery. We will begin to look at numbers to 10 to strengthen this. We will also be comparing and creating repeating patterns.

### *Understanding the world*

Starting with Stanley's Stick, we will be discussing how to care for our natural environment by appreciating and looking after it. We will then move onto exploring maps and our local area through journeys in Astro Girl.



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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



*We are reading...*