

Year 1 Term 2 ~ World Explorers



Exploring together in Term 2!

Wow! Term 1 was such a great start to Year 1! We're all very much looking forward to the excitement of Term 2. All of the children loved our science and geography focus in the first Term. I'm sure they've been telling you all about sycamore and hawthorn trees, as well as holly and ivy!

We will be finding out about the lives of some famous world (and in one case, off-world!) explorers - Ranulph Fiennes, Amy Johnson and Neil Armstrong. We will be thinking about what qualities an explorer needs and also what challenges they have to face. We'll even think about us travelling to Mars as explorers!

In English we are focusing on settings in stories so try and talk about the settings in the books your child brings home to read. After that we'll be learning about writing instructions.

Of course it wouldn't be Term 2 without some Christmas learning too! Year 1 will be discussing what Christians believe God is like, learning some Christmas songs and even making a Christmas decoration! We'd love you to pop along and hear the songs we have learned so wrap up warm and look out for the dates at the bottom of this newsletter.

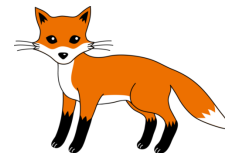
Mrs Martin



Mrs Thomas / Mrs Ellis



Mr MacInnes



Maths



This term the children will be continuing to explore place value of numbers 10-20.

We will also be working on subtraction skills, and looking at different models to represent these. We will take a look at money and recognising coins and notes.

You can help your child at home by practising 1 and 2 more or less, counting on/back from any number and practising doubles (up to double 7).

Please keep working through your child's Maths passport too.

Spellings

Encourage your child to read and spot these words in books, then spell them and maybe write them in a sentence.



Term 2 spellings will be;

is, his, was, are, said, says, were

Class Assemblies

Each class in Year 1 will be hosting a special assembly, and parents of children in the class are invited to attend. These assemblies will all **start at 2pm** and will last for approximately 30mins. Younger siblings are welcome too!

The dates are as follows:

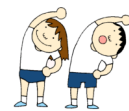
Badgers: Friday 11th November!

Moles: 25th November

Foxes: 9th December



PE This term we will be focussing on Gymnastics. Please encourage your child to practice taking off and putting on their own socks and shoes as we take both off to do Gym. We also do another P.E slot where we go outside as well.



Reading

Children who read regularly make the most progress. Not just in Year 1 but in their GCSE's and future jobs. We love reading at Pashley and know that when they make progress in reading, their confidence soars in all other areas of learning. We read regularly with your child in a group session and will record this in their reading diary so please keep Reading diaries in Book bags.



We have also just introduced our new Phonics book with its special pack, sound mat and lollystick! Please try and look at this book with your child 3 times a week. A new book will be modelled on Monday and come home then. On Friday the books need to be returned. Please keep the pack and book in your child's Book bag each day so we use it in the week.

Don't forget the bonus Dojo points! If your child reads **4 times or more a week** at home - and it's been recorded in their diary - they will get **5 dojos! Diaries will be checked every Friday.** The children have been shown where to find their reading band books and can now change their reading books independently every morning as they come into school. Please do ask your child's teacher on Dojo if you are unsure which colour book your child should be bringing home.

Dates for your diary

10th November - Twilight training (NO LADYBIRDS)

11th November - Badger class assembly

w/c 14th November Moles Bike Ability

15th November Badgers Bike Ability

16th November Foxes Bike Ability

3rd December - 11—2pm Christmas Fair

9th December - Foxes class assembly

8th December - Christmas jumper and
Christmas dinner day

15th December—Year 1 Christmas singalong 2pm

16th December - End of term