



# Fact or Fantasy

## Year 1 - Term 3



Year 1 have had an exciting start to Term 3... They've found something very interesting in our woods! All will be revealed very soon but keep your eyes peeled on Dojo to find out more. Hopefully they'll come home buzzing about all the exciting things that have been happening! We hope this leads to some excited children and enthusiastic writing!



**Writing:** There will be lots of opportunities for the children to record all their observations and thoughts on our stunning start. Then the children will be moving onto non-fiction style writing including fact-files. The focus this term will be ensuring children are using the non-negotiables when writing a sentence: Does it make sense? Capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and correct letter formation. Those children who are securely using these will be encouraged to improve their sentences with adjectives, alliteration, similes and exciting punctuation. They will also be extending their sentences with the conjunctions and, but, because. If you want to help your child at home encourage them to write a silly sentence at home using the non-negotiables. If they can do that confidently ask them to improve it!

**Maths:** We will be exploring 3-D shapes, addition within 20, money and length/height. At home you could practise measuring things using rulers and tape measures. Also explore hours and minutes when thinking about time - this is one of the objectives for the maths passport too!

### Reading

This term the reading focus will be on Non-Fiction. We will explore headings, subheadings, pictures, captions, contents, index, fact boxes and more. Have a look at these at home with your children! Children who read 4 times a week or more at home make the most progress in reading.



This increases their confidence and we also see great progress in writing and maths. Children can make huge progress in reading as their phonic knowledge is consolidated and confidence rises. **Please read at least 4 times a week and record it in their reading diaries so children get 5 Dojos!**

## Project Learning:

In **RE** we will be learning about Jewish beliefs and customs. If you have any expert knowledge in the subject area or artefacts you wouldn't mind the classes looking at, then we would love to hear from you!



In **Computing** we will be learning how to follow and create simple instructions (algorithms), relating this to how computers are programmed.

In **Science** we will explore what a mammal is as well as looking out for signs of winter around our school. Why not take a winter woodland walk and look for winter buds? (See the Woodland Trust Nature Detectives for a handy spotter guide!)



Our main project topic is **History**, where we will be learning all about William the Conqueror, who he was and why the Normans invaded. We will be exploring how castles changed over time and why. Why not take a walk around Pevensey Castle if you have time?



## **Year 1 Reading and Phonics workshop**

Tuesday 24th January  
at 2pm in the hall.  
Repeated on zoom at 5.30pm.



We are inviting parents in to learn more about Reading and Phonics. Please come to this practical workshop to be shown how we teach at Pashley and be given ideas and resources to support your child at home.

## Homework!

Design and make a shield or a crest/coat of arms to hang up in our corridor!



Please come along to our reading and phonics workshop in Term 3 to find out how to support your child at home to be a confident

# Important Reminders

Reading Diaries: These need to be in your child's book bag *every day*. All reading your child does at school/home is recorded in the diaries and used to inform our judgements on your child's attainment. If your child's diary is missing then please contact their class teacher for a replacement.

Please also remember that the Phonics/Reading Fluency books come home each Monday (inside the plastic wallet) and must come back to school each Friday. This is so they can be used by the next class.

Maths Passports: Please keep working on these important key skills. Teachers will be checking and awarding Dojos most Fridays!



This term we will be learning:

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## Dates for your diary

Start of term: 3rd January

KSI Maths Workshop: 11th January—9:00

Phonics and Reading Workshop: 24th January-14:00

NSPCC Number Day: 3rd February

Safer Internet Day: 7th February

Last day of term: 11th February