



Explorers

Welcome to Year One!

We know it can feel a bit daunting sending your child up to Year 1, but the children have so much to look forward to. This term we are exploring our Pashley woods and learning all about the trees and plants that grow there. Expect to be wowed by their nature knowledge! We will also be exploring maps and learning about the countries in the UK and where Eastbourne is.

We will be exploring geographical language e.g. coast, beach, cliff, ocean, sea, lake, pond, river, stream, tide, port, land, hills, Downs, mountains, slope, valley, hedge, bush, field, street, road, alleyway, motorway etc As you are out and about try and explore some of the language with your child.



Alongside all of the wonderful fun above children will also be delving into the world of puppetry, studying different puppets and creating their very own one to take home. In art lessons children will be studying Andy Gouldsworthy, recreating their own natural pieces of art work.



The children have always been so keen to explore everything - so thank you for creating such inquisitive and curious learners!

Reading!

Children who read 3 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 in reading diaries for 5 dojos :).**



Spellings

Week 1: the Week 2: a

Week 3: do Week 4: today

Week 5: of Week 6: I
Week 7 you

PE days

Children have PE on the following days and should come in their PE kits ready for their lesson.

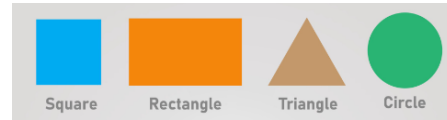
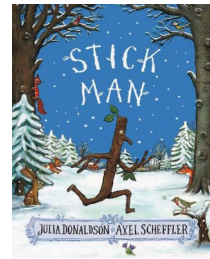
Moles - Tuesday

Badgers - Monday

Foxes - Monday

English

This term we will be diving into the story of Stick Man. Here at Pashley we love a good Julia Donaldson story. The children will be learning and internalising a 5 sentence condensed version of the story and then using the basis of this to create their own 5 part stories. We can't wait to see what they come up with!



Maths

To get back into the swing of things children will be looking at identifying different times of the day, days of the week, months of the year and the different seasons. Once their maths brains are warmed up again we will move onto the main focus of the term which is place value and understanding the value of numbers from 1 to 10. Towards the end of the term children will be learning about 2D shape and learning to recognise the different shapes and the names of them.

School Visit

We are very lucky to be able have the Downs on our door step. As part of our Geography learning children will be walking from Pashley up across part of the Downs and observing key geographical features within the local area (a letter will follow shortly to confirm details).



If you would like to help with the event please let your class teacher know via dojo. A further 2 visits will take place across the rest of the year so we can observe the landscape within different seasons. The trip will take place in school time and children will be back in time for lunch so drop offs will be normal times but lots of fun for all the children.

Autumn

The children are exploring seasons and learning about the changes from Summer to Autumn.



As you are walking through the woods or out in the parks discuss what you can see or hear with your child and notice the differences.

Project homework



We would like the children to create and name their own explorer item to hang from our corridor ceiling.

This could be anything from a pair of binoculars to a map and it can be as creative as you like! It could even be a memento or tribute to a place that you have enjoyed exploring over the summer! It would be brilliant if your creations can be attached to a piece of string so we can hang it up straight away and clearly labelled with your child's name so we can send it home at the end of the project.

Project homework is optional, but it would be a brilliant contribution for our immersive environment and really does make it an exciting and engaging project for the children. Children can bring their work from the first day of term and it's a great opportunity for them to share their work with their new class.

Plea for helpers

We are desperate for parents/grandparents to help with reading or on our allotment. If you can spare any time, even half an hour after drop off, then please let your class teachers know.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th September: Year 1 parent workshop (welcome to year 1)

Tuesday 12th September: TWILIGHT (no ladybirds)

Wednesday 20th September: Individual school photographs

Wednesday 4th October: Year One trip to the Downs

Friday 6th October: Food bank Fridays

Tuesday 17th October: parents evening 1 (KSI only)

Thursday 19th October: parents evening 2 (KSI only)

Friday 20th October: last day of term 1

