

Year One Project Newsletter



Explorers

Term 1

September

Year 1 is an exciting year to be moving into and the children have so much to look forward to! The team are looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

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 knowledge of the natural environment! We will also be exploring maps and learning about the countries in the UK, and where Eastbourne is in our Geography lessons.

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. As you are out and about this summer, please try and explore some of this language with your child.



In Design and Technology, we will be designing a blanket for Stick Man. Children will be looking at the properties of a range of materials and testing out which would be best for the job of keeping stickman warm and dry.

In Art lessons children will be studying Andy Goldsworthy, recreating their own natural pieces of art work. The children will be visiting the woodlands lots throughout the term.



Woodlands

During every Tuesday of term 1, we will be visiting the Woods for our Science learning, working with Mrs Hutchinson. We have wellies and overalls for all children, so don't worry about sending them in anything different on these days. The children will be learning about the different types of trees and leaves in our woodlands. We also look at bulbs and how plants grow, and what the words deciduous and evergreen mean. The children will be learning about the seasons and how our woodlands and local area change as the seasons pass. If you can get out into the woods and explore your local environment, talking about the season of summer and what signs of the season they can spot, this will help embed their learning.

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 Stick Man and then using this as the basis to create their own 5 part stories. We can't wait to see what they come up with! Can you make up some stories verbally together with your child. You could use this structure:

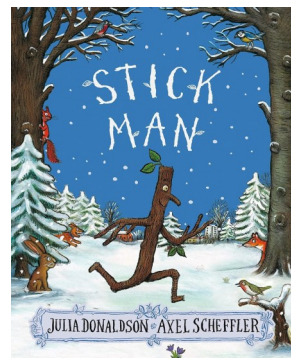
Once upon a time _____

One day _____

Unfortunately _____

Luckily _____

In the end _____



Maths

To get back into the swing of things children will identify different times of the day, days of the week, months of the year and the different seasons. To help your child please discuss these things with them at home. Children struggle with the concept of time so pointing out time duration really helps them bring it into context! 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. We will also be touching on 2D shape this term.

PE days All children will have PE on Fridays this term and should come in their PE kits ready for their lesson.

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School trip

We are very lucky to be able to have the Downs on our door step. As part of our Geography learning children will be walking from Pashley, up and across part of the Downs on Thursday 2nd October 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 trip then please let your class teacher know via dojo.

Can you please donate..

We are asking for parents to donate flower bulbs for our Year 1 terrace/ farm area, and daffodil bulbs for our science lessons please. We also need a range of blankets: foil insulated blankets, picnic blankets and different materials for our DT lessons. We'd greatly appreciate any donations.

Dates for your diary

Twilight—no ladybirds due to staff training— Tuesday 23rd September

New to Year 1 Parents workshop— Tuesday 9th September 9am

Downs Trip—Thursday 2nd October— 9am

Bikeability in Year 1— Monday 13th October (*children bring in own bikes or share if they don't have one*)

Reading and Phonics workshop for parents— Wednesday 15th October, 9am

Parents evenings— Tues and Thurs 21st and 23rd October