



# Start with Art!

## Welcome to Year Two!

We hope you all had a fun-filled and restful summer holiday. The children will hopefully come back to school full of excitement and stories! After spending some time getting to know their new teachers, the Year Two children will begin to get stuck in with our project this term - Start With Art!



This project will see the children focusing on developing skills across a range of media, such as drawing, painting, sculpture and more. They will also learn about various artists and their techniques, such as Frida Kahlo and Georges Seurat as well as looking at various artists across different continents in Geography. We will launch the project this week by looking at primary and secondary colours and exploring how colour can be manipulated and applied in different painting styles.

We hope they are going to love the start to their new year group!



## 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:** because

**Week 2:** hold gold fold old told cold

**Week 3:** people eye

**Week 4:** improve move who

**Week 5:** sure whole beautiful

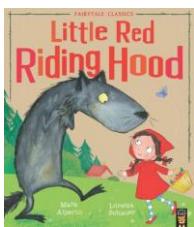
**Week 6:** again any many once

**Week 7:** friend

## Pick up at the end of the day

If possible, please keep to your classes' "zone" when waiting for your child at the end of the day. Robin parents stand by the steps/railing (near the school office), Woodpecker in the middle, and Owl parents nearest the school entrance gates.

## English



This term we will be diving into the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Here at Pashley we love a traditional tale. The children will be learning and internalising a 5 part, condensed version, of LRRH 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! We are focusing on characterisation so you could work with your child at home getting them to describe their favourite characters using a range of exciting vocabulary.

## Maths

To get back into the swing of things children will be looking at identifying different 2D shapes and understanding the language of vertices and sides. Once their maths brains are warmed up again we will move onto the main focus of the term which is place value, understanding the value of tens and ones digits of numbers up to 100 and being able to tell their learning partner two less, two more, 10 less and 10 more from any given number.

## School Visit

We are very lucky to be able to go to the Hastings Contemporary Art Gallery again this year on Tuesday 7th October. (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.

Click the link below to see the exhibitions that will be on. The children will also have a workshop with a local artist where they will have the opportunity to create their own masterpiece.

### [What's on at Hastings Contemporary](#)

With rising coach costs this would not be able to happen without a donation from the Friends of Pashley to help keep your costs down. The friends also subsidise our trip in the summer and pay for a magician. So a big thank you to our FOP team!

This year we aim to have a few stand alone Year 2 fundraising events to help pay towards these trips. Last year the year 2s raised a whopping £2,000 which meant that the summer trip was totally financed by fundraising events and a donation from the FOP. No cost at all to parents! I hope you will be able to support the initiatives. Details to follow nearer the events.

# Project homework



We are so excited to welcome the children back to our Start with Art project and would really like some art pieces to brighten up our corridors and classroom. Pieces maybe made from different materials you have around at home (papier Mache, fabric, cardboard etc). It can be anything from a colourful paintbrush or pallet to a glue stick or scissors. We can hang some pieces in the classroom so please ensure a short piece of string is attached to your model so we can hang them up. Flat pieces will be displayed on the walls. We really can't wait to see your creations!

## 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.

Thank you very much



## Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 10th September, 9am New to Year 2 Parents workshop



Tuesday 23rd September Twilight no ladybirds due to staff training

Monday 29th September Individual school photographs

Thursday 2nd October, 2.15pm: Robins parent assembly

Tuesday 7th October: Year 2 trip to Hastings Contemporary gallery

Thursday 9th October, 2.15pm WPs parent assembly

Thursday 16th October, 9am Reading and Phonics workshop for parents

Thursday 16th October, 2.15pm Owls parent assembly

W/C Monday 20th October Bikeability in Year 2 (children bring in own bikes or share if they don't have one)

Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October parents evening