



## Year 2 Termly Newsletter- Spring 2017

Happy New Year!

We have a busy spring term ahead. We look forward to two exciting events this half term, displaying our history and art work during the Pegasus Academy Museum Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** (more details to follow) and our exciting year 2 trip to Hampton Court Palace on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**.

Our topic this term is “The Tudors” and the children will learn all about the reign of Henry VIII and how he ruled England 500 years ago. We will bring the topic alive by visiting Henry VIII’s most famous palace and discovering the fate of his six wives. The children will paint Tudor portraits of themselves as a Tudor monarch and make Tudor roses. We will also be comparing King Henry VIII to our modern day monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

In our English work, we will write information booklets all about Henry VIII and understand how to organise our work under subtitles. We will be writing different types of sentences; exclamations (e.g. “What a rude man he is!”), commands (e.g. Give me that crown.), statements (e.g. Henry VIII was the king of England.) and questions (e.g. How many wives did Henry VIII have?) and understanding the difference between each sentence type. Please help your child with their understanding of punctuation this half term ensuring your child is secure in using full stops and capital letters as well as commas in a list (e.g. I have some oranges, bananas and apples.). We will be looking at the use of apostrophes for possession this term and know that this punctuation mark comes before the ‘s’ to tell us something belongs to someone (Henry’s crown, the king’s throne). As well as the use of apostrophes in contractions to show the omission of a letter(s) e.g. Do not = Don’t. Please support your child as much as you can at home with this important learning. A full overview of our literacy topics this term can be found on the website.

In our maths work this term, we will continue our work on place value (e.g.  $65 = 60 + 5$ , 54 is greater than 23,  $2 + 3$  is equal to  $10 - 5$ ) as well as looking at different ways we can add and subtract numbers. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering that it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. We will be revisiting fractions and will be learning to recognise, name and write fractions such as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  understanding that these are parts of a whole. We will practise counting in fractions e.g. 1,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ , 2 and work out fractions of a length, a shape or a number of objects –  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 12 is 6.

In science, we will be learning about “Materials”. The children will be looking at the properties of different materials and the reasons they are chosen to make different objects. The children will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed and identify the differences between different types of plastic.

Please remember to read with your child every night. This could include listening to them read, reading to them and reading aloud together. You can encourage them to increase their pace and fluency by not sounding out words they know.

Many thanks for your continued support, please ask if you have any questions.

Mrs Sullivan (year two team leader)