



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2017

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a fantastic break and everyone is ready to start 2017 from where we left off last year. We hope that this newsletter will help to keep you informed about what your children will be learning this term. If we need to share information with you, we will use the 'text to parents' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for you.

English: We will continue to work hard in English this term to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. This term we will be reading Matilda, Stone Age Boy and Jemmy Button in class. We will also be discovering performance poetry and learning individual poems to recite by heart to everyone. We celebrate World Book Day in March so we have planned to focus on Roald Dahl which will include reading some of his stories and participating in activities in connection to this great author.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on multiplication, division, fractions and measure. We will be learning our 3x, 4x and 8x multiplication facts as well as using the grid method to solve more challenging problems. We will learn how division is the inverse of multiplication and how this links in with our next topic of fractions. We will also be learning all about length, mass and capacity.

Science: Our science topics are 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Rocks'. We will be learning what a force is, what affects forces and how magnets work. Children will then use this knowledge to create their own magnetic games. After half term, we will be learning all about different rocks and their properties. We will discover what is happening inside the Earth beneath our feet as well as how soil and fossils are formed.

Thematic: Children will continue to learn about 'The Crystal Palace' until half term when our theme will change to 'Like a Rolling Stone'. This is a chance for children to learn all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. In history, we will study what it was like in the past and how it compares to today. In geography, we will be looking at the changes to land and civilisation over time. In art, children will replicate cave painting art as well as create their own pottery, coins and story stones using traditional methods. In DT, children will have the opportunity to build a Stonehenge model as well as Stone Age weapons. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are the British Museum in London, Butser Ancient Farm in Waterlooville or Stonehenge in Salisbury.

Trips and events: This term we will be walking to Thornton Heath Library to find out what the library has to offer other than access to thousands of books. We will also be visited by a Stone Age caveman who will camp on our school field and show the children how cavemen used to survive in the wilderness.

What you can do to help: Please make sure that your child reads every night and sign their reading diary at the end of the week. Regular reading is proven to improve children's learning. Ask them questions about what they've read. Ask them what they think the words mean or what the character might be thinking or feeling. There is no such thing as a night with 'no homework': every night is reading night! Lists of spelling words for each year group are available and children are expected to know these by the end of the year. Times tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, in mixed order, and know the corresponding division fact. 'Mathletics' is our on-line maths homework. Children are expected to earn 1000 points (a bronze certificate) each week but are welcome to earn more points! 'Live' Mathletics is particularly good for developing mental maths skills.

Mr G Powell (Yr 3 Team Leader)
and the Yr 3 Team

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at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org**

Dates for your diary

04/01/17	First day back at school for children
20/01/17	3M Shetland class assembly
03/02/17	Museum Day
01/03/17 - 02/03/17	Stone Age caveman visits Pegasus Academy