



THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear parents and carers of children in Willow Class,

Welcome back! Our theme this half term is 'People Who Help Us.' We will be reading fiction stories such as *Emergency* and *Superworm* and a range of non-fiction books that will help us to learn new vocabulary such as *Veterinarian*, *stethoscope*, *rescue* etc. We will be encouraging the children to show interest in different occupations and understand how people help us. We will be exploring the roles of firefighters, police officers, vets, teachers and many more. The classroom role play area will feature people who help us and provide the children with the opportunity to act out various scenarios and to experiment with writing in different formats such as memos and messages.

In Mathematics we will be learning how to double numbers (remembering facts such as double 2 makes 4, double 3 makes 6) and encouraging the children to see patterns in these number facts. We will also be rehearsing how to make sensible estimates (thinking about how many objects are in a group and making sensible guesses/estimates using known facts). We will revisit naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes using language such as *circle*, *triangle*, *cone*, *pyramid*, *corner*, *side*, *face*, *edge*, *curved* and *flat*. The children will also be working with money, recognising the value of different coins and applying this knowledge practically.

The children will be exploring different ways of moving their bodies in their PE sessions and will participate in team games. The children will continue working both inside and outside and be encouraged to use space carefully. They will have the opportunity to work with a wide range of large and small scale construction and be challenged to build creatively using their imaginations.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be listening to a variety of music from different cultures, playing instruments and learning new songs related to our topic. The children will make their own simple shakers using pasta, beads and rice. They will then be encouraged to think about the different sounds they can make using their shakers to accompany music.

Please look out for the parents evening sign-up sheets soon to be displayed outside your child's class. Parents evening is being held on the following dates:

Tuesday 10th March - 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday 11th March - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Thursday 12th March - 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Thank you for the lovely comments in the reading diaries. We enjoy reading them. Please continue to read with your child each day, or as often as possible, and record their progress in their contact book.

Finally we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. To celebrate the enjoyment of reading, and to link with our theme, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as a person who helps them. This could be a police officer, firefighter, doctor, nurse or even a teacher!

Thank you for your continued support.

Tanya Headley
Willow Class