## THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST

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## BEULAH INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL RED & YELLOW CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! Our theme this half term is 'People Who Help Us.' We will be reading fiction stories such as *Emergency* by Margaret Mayo 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.

To support our topic, we will be having a visit from the local fire station who will talk to us about the job they do and how they use the equipment that they carry. If you are in a profession which you feel links to our topic, please speak to your child's class teacher. We would love to welcome a midwife, paramedic or police officer in to the school for a short talk!

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 be exploring different ways of moving their bodies in PE sessions. They will be encouraged to use their knowledge about how to negotiate space safely when using apparatus. The children will be exploring how to move around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. In class, the children 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. To support this we would be grateful if you could send in old cardboard food packaging, washed out yoghurt pots, bottles and lids for the children to build models with. As well as the model making, 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.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Danny Bissex

Reception Year Group Leader