



The Pegasus Academy Trust

We hope that you have had a restful Easter break. 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 be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. We will be reading a variety of text types, such as 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes, which is a narrative poem and 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner, which is a wordless picture book. We will also be spending some time on refining our grammar and spelling skills.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on securing their understanding of estimate & measure, reading scales with varying intervals and converting between units. We will apply this knowledge in many ways such as word problems and understanding errors before moving on to cover area and perimeter, angles and statistics.

Science: Our science topics are 'Living things and their habitats' which includes; exploring the different life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will then move on to 'Animals including humans' where we will explore the developmental changes of humans from birth through to old age. This will also include understanding that all living things have lifecycles.

Thematic: Our continuing theme for the second part of the term will be: Crime and Punishment. In history, we will be learning all about the types of crimes that were committed during different historical ages and the punishments that were deemed fitting. This will include the Gunpowder Plot and links to our reading of 'The Highwayman' in English. In geography, we will be learning about transportation and focusing on Australia, exploring its geographical features. In Art children will learn to create our own 'street art'. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are the Museum of London, the Tower of London and —not for the faint-hearted— The Clink Museum (one of England's oldest and most notorious prisons).

Trips and events: We will be visiting the Tower of London where the children will take part in a workshop which includes in-context stories about how various prisoners plotted escapes from the tower after being held prisoner there. Throughout the day, the children will have access to view the Crown Jewels, see the Yeoman Warders, the ravens and the famous White Tower.

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.

Miss Matthews (Yr 5 Team Leader)
and the Yr 5 Team

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www.pegasusacademytrust.org**

Dates for your diary

27/04/17	Whitehorse Junior visit the Tower of London
28/04/17	Ecclesbourne visit the Tower of London
02/05/17	Sex and Relationships Education — viewing material evening at Ecclesbourne.