



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Welcome to Year 5. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and look forward to having a wonderful year working together. 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 be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. We will be reading a number of fictional texts such as 'There's a boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar and 'Ice Trap!' by Meredith Hooper. We will also be learning all about the 'Empire Windrush', linked to Black History Month, where children will write in role as a passenger on route to Britain to support it's recovery post-war. We will also be learning all about building atmosphere through writing our own spooky stories.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value, number and calculations. We will begin by building a secure foundation of what the digits in numbers up to a million represent. We will then explore multiples, factors, square and cube numbers. Learning efficient methods to calculate will follow, including; adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying.

Science: Our science topics are Earth and Space, followed by Forces. The children will be exploring the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun and solar system. They will understand how night and day occur and explain the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. They will learn all about gravity and the effect of a force on objects whilst exploring different types of resistance.

Thematic: This term our theme is: The Vikings are Coming! In history, we will be learning about the how the Vikings lived their lives. In geography, we will be learning about the countries where the Vikings arrived from and understanding the function of rivers. In Art, children will learn to create a model longboat. They will also create a piece of Viking armour.

Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are: the Museum of London, The Jorvik Viking Centre (a bit further a field) and the British Museum.

Trips and events: This term we will be visited by Portals to the Past, on 6th/7th October (WHJUN/EPS), who will immerse the children in their Viking workshop, designed to give the children a realistic and thorough understanding of Viking life, settlements and battles.

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.

		Dates for your diary	
		14/10	Jutland Class assembly
Miss Matthews (Yr 5 Team Leader) and the Yr 5 Team		09/12	Venus Class assembly
Don't forget to check the website at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org		06/10 (WHJUN)	Viking workshop: All day
		07/10 (EPS)	Viking workshop: All day