



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2016

Welcome to Year 3. 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 including Jemmy Button and Flat Stanley. We will also be planning, writing, editing and performing our own autumnal poetry as well as writing letters linked to our learning on the Great Exhibition.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value of numbers. We will be partitioning, ordering, doubling and halving one, two and three-digit numbers. We are also focusing on using the expanded column method to set out our addition and subtraction calculations before applying them to real life problems. After half term, we will be learning about 2D and 3D shape, problems involving money and learning all about length, mass and capacity.

Science: Our science topics are Animals including Humans and Forces and Magnets. We will be learning about human diet and what nutrients the body needs. We will also learn the names and functions of different human bones and muscle groups. We will then be learning what a force is, what affects forces and how magnets work.

Thematic: This term our theme is: The Crystal Palace. In history, we will be learning about the local history of Crystal Palace since 1851 until the present day. In geography, we will be learning about the key landmarks in Thornton Heath and look at population trends in the area. In art, children will learn about Henri Rousseau and will create their own examples of his work. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are Crystal Palace Park, Thornton Heath library or the National Gallery in London.

Trips and events: This term we will be visiting Crystal Palace Park on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October. We will travel on public transport which will help us find out about the local area. We will be visiting the park museum, the site of the Crystal Palace as well as the Victorian dinosaurs created by Waterhouse Hawkins.

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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Dates for your diary

19/10/16	3P Exmoor, 3M Shetland & 3S New Forest trip to Crystal Palace Park. Children need to be in school by 8.45 prompt
20/10/16	3N Elm, Meteors and Asteroids classes trip to Crystal Palace Park. Children need to be in school by 8.45 prompt