



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2017

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a fantastic break and everyone is refreshed and ready for the last term in Year 3. This is the children's last term to learn lots of exciting new things as well as to consolidate what they have already been taught. 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 continue to work hard in English this term to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. This term we will be reading *Mouse Bird Snake Wolf*, *Leon and the Place Between* and *Edward Tulane* in class. The children will also have the opportunity to create an invention ready to advertise in Year 3's version of *Dragon's Den* and also plan and write a 'How to survive Year 3' guide to give to the upcoming Year 2 children.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on applying their knowledge of measure to problem solving, telling the time using the 12-hour and 24-hour clock, perimeter, shape and statistics. We will be continuing to learn our 3x, 4x and 8x multiplication facts. Children will then have the opportunity to revisit any areas of the curriculum taught this year where they have been stuck or want to have another go. We will be ending the year by use their measuring knowledge in our 'Great Pegasus Bake Off.'

Science: Our science topics are 'Plants' and 'Light and Shadows'. We will be learning what a plant is made up of, how it gets its energy and how it disperses seeds. They will have the hands-on opportunity to watch plants grow and physically interact with them. After half term, we will be learning all about light and shadows. We will discover how we see light, why it is important to us and how shadows are formed.

Thematic: Children will continue to learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in our topic called 'Like a Rolling Stone'. In history, we will study what it was like in the past and how it compares to today. In geography, we will be looking at the changes to land and civilisation over time. In art, children will replicate cave painting art as well as create their own pottery, coins and story stones using traditional methods. In DT, children will have the opportunity to build a Stonehenge model as well as Stone Age weapons.

Trips and events: The summer term always offers plenty of events and this year is no different. In class, we will be visiting the London Wetlands Centre. It is an urban oasis for wildlife and people, just 10 minutes from Hammersmith, London. The children will be able to see nature and wildlife up close in lakes, ponds and gardens that links well to our Science topics 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Plants'. We then also have Sports Day and Croydon Sports to look forward to in June as well as many other fun activities.

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

Dates for your diary

18/04/17 First day back at school for children

16/06/17 Yr 3/4 Sports Day at Whitehorse Manor

14/6/17 KS2 Sports Day at Ecclesbourne

19 - 21/06/17 Croydon Sports boys, girls and finals dates

12 - 14/07/17 Trip to London Wetlands Centre

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