



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 4 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2017

We hope that you have had a fantastic Easter break and we look forward to having a wonderful summer term. 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 'Varjak Paw' by S.F.Said and 'The Demon Headmaster' by Gillian Cross. These texts will inspire the children and enable them to write in a range of text types such as dialogue, diary entries, narrative, newspaper articles and non-fiction. They will be practising and further developing their writing skills including the use of descriptive language, punctuation, grammar and spelling patterns. We will also be learning about King Arthur, linked to our Anglo Saxon thematic topic, and will be compiling a class anthology of Anglo Saxon legends written by the children.

Maths: In maths this term, we will be focusing on some new learning such as position and direction in geometry, looking at coordinates and the translation of shapes. We will also study statistics, covering discrete and continuous data, as well as interpreting bar and line graphs. Towards the end of the term, we will be revisiting topics from earlier in the year such as fractions, decimals, time and methods of calculation in line with the Pegasus Calculation Policy. As always, we will be seeking to deepen the children's understanding of these concepts through applying and problem solving.

Science: Our science topics are Animals including Humans and Electricity. In our topic on Electricity, we will continue learning from the spring term about circuits, switches, conduction and the many uses of electricity. In Animals (including humans), we will learn about teeth and the digestive system in humans, moving on to food webs including predators, producers and prey.

Thematic: This term our theme is: Invaders and Settlers. In history, we will be learning about the time up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066. We will learn about how and why the Anglo Saxons settled in Britain and how this changed life for the people here. In geography, we will be learning about Anglo Saxon settlements, where they were and why they chose these specific places. In Art, children will learn about the Bayeux Tapestry and the designs and art of this time. In DT, we will be making our own Anglo Saxon swords based on King Arthur's and designing our own Anglo Saxon village. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are the Museum of London or the local library to research the Anglo Saxons.

Trips and events: This term we will be visiting Frylands Wood near Addington. This is an outdoor activity centre which has climbing walls, tunnels, an assault course, archery and other outdoor events. The trip will involve children across the Trust working in small groups as a team in order to accomplish tasks and achieve goals.

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. By the end of Year 4, children are now expected to know their times tables to 12 x 12. '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

Mr Winborn (Yr 4 Team Leader)
and the Yr 4 Team

5th May	Comets class assembly
12th May	4B class assembly
16/17/18 May	Frylands Wood trips

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