



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2018

Welcome to Year 2. 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: During the autumn term, 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 "The Lonely Beast" and "George's Marvellous Medicine" to inspire our story writing and love of reading. "The Magic Box" will inspire our writing of poetry as we explore how to use exciting noun phrases. We will also be researching and fact finding using a wide range of non-fiction books, making links with our learning about minibests in science and looking closely at our history topic, which this term will be 'The Tudors'. We will use our discovered facts to write information booklets all about Henry VIII and understand how to organise our work under subtitles. Every week, the children will be learning about different aspects of spelling, grammar and punctuation and using this to improve their writing skills.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value (e.g. to know that the number 23 is made up of 2 digits that tell us how many tens and ones there are in the number and that $23 = 20 + 3$) as well as looking at different ways we can add and subtract numbers. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering that it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. We will also work on visualising, describing and comparing 2D and 3D shapes (hexagons, pentagons, cuboid, pyramids, cones), telling the time to the nearest 15 minute intervals and collecting information that will be recorded in tally charts and block graphs.

Science: Our science topic this term is "Living things and their habitats" and we will be learning that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and we will learn to describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. This term, we will be taking a trip to Morden Hall Park to take part in a 'Comparing Habitats' session, where children will get the chance to take part in river dipping as well as hunting for mini-beasts in the woodlands. This will give children a chance for some hands-on experience that will help bring our science topic 'Living Things and their Habitats' to life.

Thematic: Our topic this term is 'The Tudors' and the children will learn all about the reign of Henry VIII and how he ruled England 500 years ago. We will be bringing this topic alive by visiting Henry VIII's most famous palace, Hampton Court, and discovering the fate of his six wives. The children will draw and paint Tudor portraits of themselves as a Tudor monarch and will make Tudor roses. We will also be comparing King Henry VIII to our modern day monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

Trips and events: This term we will be visiting Morden Hall Park as part of our science topic. We will also be taking a trip to Hampton Court Palace to visit one of Henry VIII's most famous palaces. We are excited about the upcoming Macmillan Coffee Morning where we will enjoy taking part in a number of different fun activities.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them as often as possible. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag on a daily basis. It is essential that you listen to them read aloud and also that you read to them so they are exposed to a range of different texts. Please try and write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. There will be a chance for you to meet with your child's teacher this half term to talk through their next steps for learning. These will be taking place on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October from 3:30 to 6:30pm**. You will be able to sign up for a slot nearer to the time. We also look forward to seeing you for our year 2 curriculum meeting where we will also share information about the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) the children will be taking next May.

Mrs Allen and Miss Rolfe —Year 2 Team Leaders

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Please see important dates on the reverse of this letter.**

Dates for your diary	
	<u>Whitehorse Manor Infants School</u>
Tuesday 25th September	Lilac Class trip to Morden Hall Park
Wednesday 26th September	Indigo and Purple Class trip to Morden Hall Park
Wednesday 3rd October 9:15am	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October 3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents` Evening
Wednesday 14th November	Lilac and Purple Class trip to Hampton Court Palace
Thursday 15th November	Indigo Class trip to Hampton Court Palace
	<u>Brigstock</u>
Tuesday 25th September	Science trip to Morden Hall Park
Wednesday 3rd October 9:15am	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October 3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents` Evening
Thursday 15th November	Thematic trip to Hampton Court Palace
Tuesday 11th December 9:15am	Christmas Production
	<u>Ecclesbourne Primary School</u>
Thursday 27th September	Science trip to Morden Hall Park
Wednesday 10th October 9:15am	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October 3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents` Evening
Thursday 8th November	Thematic Trip to Hampton Court Palace