



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2019



BEULAH INFANT &
NURSERY SCHOOL

We hope you had a lovely Easter break. We are looking ahead to another very busy term and hopefully some nice summer weather. As you will know, May is a very important time of year in year two because the children will be sitting their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). Please ensure your child has plenty of sleep each night, attends school every day and arrives on time. It is essential that they do not miss any important learning or the start of any of the tests. You can also help your child by making sure you read with them every day at home.

SATs tests will take place during the weeks beginning 7th,13th and 20st May.

English: This term we will be reading stories such as 'Gregory Cool' (a story about a boy visiting Tobago), 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and a number of books about pirates. The children will be using these books as inspiration for their own stories, letter writing and character descriptions. We have started our first text which is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children have been busy building our own classroom 'Iron Man' and writing commands for him to follow. We have also been working hard to use noun phrases in all of our work (the *huge, metal* monster etc.). What exciting adjectives can you come up with at home? We are encouraging children to continually improve their work so it is interesting for the person who is reading it! Please support your child by continuing to read stories to them and listen to them read every day. Remember each child has access to Bug Club which has a great selection of online books along with questions for your child to answer which will help to develop their comprehension skills.

Maths: In maths we are consolidating our work around the four number operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and we are applying these operation in word problems. Can your child understand the mathematical signs and tell you how to solve a problem? Try to put mathematical problems into real life situations to help your child visual what the question is asking and then ask them which strategy they would use to help them solve it. We will be looking at the inverse and how we can use this to help us solve missing number problems. We will be looking at capacity and weight and looking at the units of measurement that are used. When working with weight and capacity children will be comparing objects and solving word problems involving these measures. Please support your child by helping them to clarify what these measurements mean. For example, would a tin of beans weigh 500g or 500kg? Keep practising how to tell the time on an analogue clock—especially times such as o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

Science: Our science topics over the two half terms are 'Plants', 'Humans and other animals'. The children will be exploring how people, animals and plants are all living things and have similarities and differences. We will be learning about the life cycles of different animals. In June, we will be receiving a special delivery of caterpillars. The children will be able to watch their lifecycle as they change from a caterpillar to a butterfly. When they are ready to fly we will set them free. In July, we have an exciting day where Deen City Farm will be visiting Beulah with a mini farm. The children will be learning about how to care for animals making sure they are looked after properly. We will also be looking at different food groups and thinking about how we can have a healthy, balanced diet. We will also be learning the importance of exercise and hygiene.

Thematic: Our thematic topic this term will be 'Oh I do like to be besides the seaside'. We will be learning about the features of a seaside and which features are natural and which are man-made. We will be researching and comparing seaside holidays from the past to the seaside holidays we might go on today. During this topic, we will be visiting the seaside and creating seaside landscapes. As part of our DT work, children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own puppets. Children will practise lots of sewing before using this new skill to help them sew their puppets together.

Trips and events: We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term. In June we will be visiting the seaside at Broadstairs, on the Kent coast. Children will get the chance to see some seaside features for themselves and play in the sand. In July, Deen City Farm will visit us with a variety of animals and telling us how to care for them.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them every day. 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 ask questions about the text. However, it is also important that you also read to them so they are exposed to a range of different texts. Please also encourage your child to log on to Bug Club and read the books that have been selected by their teacher and ensure that they answer the questions that can be found by clicking on the green bug. Remember to write in your child's reading diary to keep us informed of their reading at home. A break down of what we are learning this half term can be found on the school website. If you have any questions, please come and ask!

Mrs Styles and Miss Cashmiri—Year 2 Team

**Don't forget to check the website at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org
Please see important dates on the reverse of this letter.**

Dates for your diary	
	<u>Beulah Infant School</u>
Monday 6th May	Schools Closed—Bank Holiday
7th May—22nd May	Year 2 SATs
24th May	Year 2—End of SATs celebration
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term. Return 3rd June
Thursday 27th June	Year 2 Trip to Broadstairs
Monday 8th July	Whole School—Visit from Deen City Farm
Thursday 11th July	Year 2 Sports Day 9:30am
Saturday 13th July	PAT Family Fun Day at Ecclesbourne Primary
Monday 15th July	Year 2 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 17th July	Open Evening
Friday 19th July	Last day of term. Return Thursday 5th September