



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2018

**W**elcome back. We hope that you have had a fantastic break and everyone is ready to start 2018 from where we left off last year. 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:** This term, we will be reading a variety of different types of text. Mouse Bird Snake Wolf is a fictional story about how the Gods made everything in the world ... until some curious children decide to be creative too and intervene. Matilda by Roald Dahl is a classic story which appeals to all young readers. The children will be able to access reading above the expected level for their age group with a copy of the text in front of them for support. We will also be discussing the story of Jemmy Button. Through our work with this text, the children will develop their opinions, persuasive arguments and creative thinking skills. After accessing plenty of different writing opportunities, children will also have the opportunity to publish a poem as part of a Young Writers competition entitled 'Rhyme Craft'. The children will plan, write, edit and publish their poems which, if selected, will be published in an anthology available to purchase.

**Maths:** In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on multiplication, division, fractions and measure. We will be learning our 3x, 4x and 8x multiplication facts as well as using the grid method to solve more challenging problems. We will learn how division is the inverse of multiplication and how this links in with our next topic of fractions. We will also be learning all about length, mass and capacity. Once the children have grasped the basic calculations, they will be expected to apply their new knowledge to solve problems posed to them.

**Science:** Our science topics are 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Rocks and soils'. We will be learning what a force is, what affects forces and how magnets work. Children will then use this knowledge to create their own magnetic games. After half term, we will be learning all about different rocks and their properties. We will discover what is happening inside the Earth beneath our feet as well as how soil and fossils are formed.

**Thematic:** Until half term, children will continue to learn about 'The Crystal Palace'. The history and geography knowledge the children learned in the autumn term will be extremely useful in the run up to our end of half term 'Museum Day'. The climax to our Crystal Palace theme will be the Design and Technology aspect of the thematic curriculum. Children will have the opportunity to design, plan and build their own structure to replace the Crystal Palace out of chicken wire and papier-mâché.

After half term, our theme will change to 'Like a Rolling Stone'. This is a chance for children to learn all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. 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 Stonehenge silhouettes. In DT, children will have the opportunity to build a Stonehenge model as well as Stone Age weapons.

Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are the British Museum in London, Butser Ancient Farm in Waterlooville or Stonehenge in Salisbury.

### **Trips and events:**

Children will be going on two local trips this term. Thornton Heath library is a perfect facility to encourage children to read, study and socialise with other children during out of school activities. We will also be visiting the Buddhapadipa temple in Wimbledon as part of our RE topic on Buddhism.

Museum Day will also be a major event this term. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to visit the 'Pegasus Museum' for one day only to discover what the children have been doing in their Thematic lessons around their theme of the Crystal Palace and the Victorians. The children will be dressing up in Victorian clothing and participating in a 'Victorian School' for the morning including traditional lessons, playtime and lunch.

**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. These can be found on the newly updated Pegasus Website under Key Information—Curriculum and Assessment—Spelling and Grammar.

Times tables also 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. Additionally, helping your children to complete their thematic homework is a wonderful way of spending time with your child whilst supporting their learning.

## The Year 3 Team

**Don't forget to check the website at: [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)**

**Dates for your diary****Whitehorse Manor Junior School**

Fri 12th Jan 2018	Trip to Thornton Heath Library (Shetland class)
Mon 15th Jan 2018	Trip to Thornton Heath Library (New Forest class)
Fri 19th Jan 2018	Trip to Thornton Heath Library (Exmoor class)
Fri 26th Jan 2018	Trip to Thornton Heath Library (Elm class)
Fri 26th Jan 2018	3M Shetland class assembly 11.00am
Fri 2nd Feb 2018	Museum Day - Year 3 Victorian Day
Wed 21st Feb 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon (Shetland class)
Thurs 1st Mar 2018	World Book Day
Tues 6th/ Wed 7th Mar 2018	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.30pm Please make an appointment with your class teacher when the letters are handed out to the children.
Fri 9th Mar 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon (Elm class)
Wed 14th Mar 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon (Exmoor class)
Fri 16th Mar 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon (New Forest class)
Fri 23rd Mar 2018	Sports Relief

**Ecclesbourne Primary School**

Fri 19th Jan 2018	Asteroids class assembly 9:15am
Mon 22nd Jan 2018	Trip to Thornton Heath Library (Meteors class)
Wed 24th Jan 2018	Trip to Thornton Heath Library (Asteroids class)
Fri 2nd Feb 2018	Museum Day - Year 3 Victorian Day
Fri 23rd Feb 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon ( Asteroids and Meteors classes)
Thurs 1st Mar 2018	World Book Day
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Fri 23rd Mar 2018	Sports Relief

**Cypress Junior School**

Fri 12th Jan 2018	Cedar class assembly
Fri 2nd Feb 2018	Museum Day - Year 3 Victorian Day
Wed 21st Feb 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon (Cedar class)
Thurs 1st Mar 2018	World Book Day
Tues 6th/ Wed 7th Mar 2018	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.30pm Please make an appointment with your class teacher when the letters are handed out to the children.
Wed 14th Mar 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon (Holly class)
Fri 16th Mar 2018	Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon (Birch class)
Fri 23rd Mar 2018	Sports Relief
TBC	Class visits to the local library