



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 5 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2019

Welcome to Year 5. 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. Please regularly check the website to see what is going on in our busy and exciting schools.

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 texts such as 'There's a boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar and 'Ice Trap!' by Meredith Hooper. We will also be learning all about the 'Empire Windrush', linked to Black History Month, where children will write in role as a passenger en route to Britain to support its recovery post-war. We will also be setting up our own spooky scene that we will use for a range of writing opportunities including; creating our own spooky soup recipes, descriptive writing and how to build atmosphere by writing our own spooky stories. Each week we will also be building upon our technical knowledge of grammar and spelling patterns.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value, number and calculations. We will begin by building a secure foundation of what the digits in numbers up to a million represent and exploring the different ways these numbers are represented. Our maths learning will also include a range of reasoning and problem solving elements that will enable the children to tackle complex problems independently. We will then move on to explore multiples, factors, square and cube numbers. Learning efficient methods to calculate will follow, including mental and written methods for; adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying.

Science: Our science topics are Earth and Space, followed by Properties and Changes of Materials. We will be exploring the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun and solar system. We will understand how night and day occur and explain the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. We will learn all about gravity and the effect of a force on objects. The classification of materials and an exploration of the different types of changes to properties will follow.

Thematic: This term our theme is: The Vikings are Coming! In history, we will be learning about the how the Vikings lived their lives. In geography, we will be learning about the countries where the Vikings arrived from and understanding the function of rivers. In Art, children will use a range of materials to sketch Viking artefacts. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are: the Museum of London, The Jorvik Viking Centre (a bit further a field) and the British Museum.

Trips and events: This term, we will have a Viking Day (dates tbc) which will immerse the children in their thematic learning. It is designed to give the children a realistic and thorough understanding of Viking life, settlements and battles.

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 on our website 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. 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 5 Team

Don't forget to check the website at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org

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

Tuesday 8th/ Wednesday 9th October 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.30pm Please make an appointment with your class teacher when the letters are handed out to the children.
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	Class Assemblies: 5S Jutland Friday 4th October 5D Lippizan Friday 15th November
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TBC	Viking Day
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Ecclesbourne Primary School

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TBC	Viking Day.
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Cypress Junior School

Tuesday 8th/ Wednesday 9th October 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.30pm Please make an appointment with your class teacher when the letters are handed out to the children.
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	Class Assemblies: Willow -Friday 8th November Hazel - Friday 15th November Sycamore- Friday 22nd November
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