



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2019

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a fantastic break and everyone is ready to start 2019 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. 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. Whilst accessing plenty of different writing opportunities, children will also discover poetry in many different forms and start to understand that there is a lot more to it than rhyme. Using these newly-learned skills, children will produce a poem as part of a Young Writers competition entitled 'Poetry Wonderland'. The children will plan, write, edit and publish their poems about a crazy world which, if selected, will be shared in an anthology available to purchase.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be applying their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to other topics. We will learn how division is the inverse of multiplication and how this links to fractions of shape and quantities. We will also be learning all about length, mass and capacity. The children will have the opportunity to use practical resources to measure a variety of different objects and will learn how to read scales with different intervals. Once children have grasped the basics, they will be expected to apply their new knowledge to solve problems posed to them. We will also look at statistics and the different representations they can come in to show data such as bar charts, tables and pictograms.

Science: Our science topics are 'Rocks and soils' and 'Plants'. We will start the new year by 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. After half term, we will be learning what a plant is made up of, how it gets its energy and how it disperses seeds. The children will have the hands-on opportunity to watch plants grow and physically interact with them.

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 willow and tissue paper. 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:

We will be going on two local trips this term. Children will have the opportunity to meet some 'real life cavemen' who will camp on Ecclesbourne's playing field to help us understand what life was like back then in a truly realistic experience. 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 and can be found on the Pegasus Website under Key Information—Curriculum and Assessment—Spelling and Grammar.
- Times Table Rock Stars is our new platform for children to develop their rapid recall of multiplication facts, 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

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

Fri 25th Jan 2019	Exmoor class assembly
Fri 8th Feb 2019	Museum Day - Year 3 Victorian Day
To Be Confirmed	Trip to Buddhapadipa temple in Wimbledon
Thurs 7th Mar 2019	World Book Day - Comic book heroes
Tues 12th/ Wed 13th 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 15th Mar 2018	Comic Relief
Thurs 28th Mar 2019	Caveman experience at Ecclesbourne (Elm)
Fri 29th Mar 2019	Caveman experience at Ecclesbourne (New Forest, Shetland and Exmoor)

Ecclesbourne Primary School

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Thurs 28th Mar 2019	Caveman experience at Ecclesbourne (Asteroids and Meteors)

Cypress Junior School

Fri 25th Jan 2019	Birch class assembly
Fri 1st Feb 2019	Cedar class assembly
Fri 8th Feb 2019	Museum Day - Year 3 Victorian Day
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Wed 27th Mar 2019	Caveman experience at Ecclesbourne (Cedar, Holly and Birch)