



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2019

Happy New Year! We have a busy spring term ahead. We look forward to two exciting events this half term, displaying our history and art work during the Pegasus Academy Museum Day on **Friday 8th February 2019** (more details to follow) and our exciting year 2 trip to The Monument – see dates overleaf.

English: In our English work this term, we will be researching and fact finding using a wide range of non-fiction books, looking closely at our history topic, which this term will be 'The Great Fire of London'. We will then be writing exciting diaries in the style of an eye witness to the fire. We will be reading a number of Grimm's fairy tales and exploring the different features of a fairy tale e.g. the setting and characters. We will use these stories as inspiration to write our very own fairy tale with a twist. Children will also be writing their very own superhero stories based on the book 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction books all about dinosaurs and writing our own information leaflets about our favourite dinosaurs.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, we will continue our work on different ways we can add and subtract. We will be learning to use arrays and our number facts to help us with multiplication and division. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. Children will be working to solve word problems this term, please put maths problems into a real-life situation to help children understand which mathematical operation they are using. We will be revisiting fractions and will be learning to recognise, name and write fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and will learn that they are part of a whole. We will be finding the fraction of numbers, shapes and length and will be looking at equivalent fractions too, e.g. $\frac{2}{4}$ is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Science: Our science topics this term are "Materials" and "Plants". In our materials topic children will be looking at the properties of different materials and the reasons they are chosen to make different objects. The children will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed and identify the differences between types of plastic. Children will design their own waterproof jacket for Traction Man using the material they think will best protect him from the rain. In our plants topic children will be looking at the different things a plant needs to grow and survive. They will be planting their own daffodil bulbs and a selection of vegetables. They will watch them grow and record observations they make. The children will they have the chance to make a potato salad using ingredients they have grown themselves.

Thematic: This term, our topic is 'Looking at London'. This topic will cover all of our work in art, design and technology, history and geography. In history, we will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London', when it happened and why and how it affected London. In geography, the children will look at where London is, learn about some of its significant landmarks and why it is an important city. In art, we will be making pictures of the fire and a silhouette of the London skyline. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are The Museum of London and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Trips and events:

This term we will be taking a trip to London on the train to see some of the London landmarks for ourselves, including a visit to The Monument, next to London Bridge, which was built to commemorate where the fire started. Museum Day will also take place this term and is an opportunity for each class to showcase their fantastic thematic work.

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 encourage your child to log onto Bug Club on a weekly basis and read the books that have been selected by their teacher. It is also important that they answer the questions found when clicking on the green bug. 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 term to talk through their next steps for learning. Parents' evening slots will be taking place on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March from 3:30 to 6:30pm**. You will be able to sign up for a slot nearer to the time. If you have any general concerns or questions in the meantime, please ask!

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>
Friday 8th February 2019	Pegasus Academy Museum Day
Monday 11th February 2019	Trip to The Monument - <u>Lilac</u>
Tuesday 12th February 2019	Trip to The Monument - <u>Purple</u>
Thursday 14th February 2019	Trip to The Monument - <u>Indigo</u>
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March 2019 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parents' evening
	<u>Brigstock</u>
Friday 8th February 2019	Pegasus Academy Museum Day
Wednesday 13th February 2019	Trip to The Monument
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March 2019 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parents' evening
	<u>Ecclesbourne Primary School</u>
Friday 8th February 2019	Pegasus Academy Museum Day
Thursday 28th February 2019	Trip to The Monument
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March 2019 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parents' evening