



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2019



CYPRESS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**W**elcome to Year 1. 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.

**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 fictional texts such as 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram, 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon and 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy to help inspire our writing. We have a fantastic 'Moon Day' planned when the children blast off to space and meet an alien themselves! We will also be looking at information books to find out some facts about space travel. Our main focus will be to get the children to write great sentences – making sure they make sense, starting with a capital letter, ending with a full stop, with finger spaces, clear handwriting and

**Maths:** In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on developing their number knowledge and confidence through such activities as recognising and ordering numbers, counting both forwards and backwards, number bonds (different ways to make 5,6,7,8,9, or 10) and 1 more or less than a given number. We will also focus on addition and subtraction strategies and looking at the properties of shapes. Later on in the term, we will be learning about money and the values of different notes and coins.

**Science:** Our science topics are 'All About Me' and 'Seasonal Change'. We will be naming and labelling parts of our bodies and exploring and investigating using our senses. We will learn about seasonal change during autumn.

**Thematic:** This term our theme is: Ourselves. The children will be looking at the local area and how it has changed. We will be looking at, creating and identifying key features on a map. On our trip to the library we will be recording features of the local area. The children will be creating portraits using a variety of materials. We will design and make a moon buggy using wheels and axles.

**Trips and events:** This half term we will be looking at buildings in our local area and visiting the local library. In the next half term we will be visiting the Science Museum to do some very exciting activities linked to our moon topic and have someone from 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' come to school to talk to us as part of our science work on senses.

**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 every day. 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 write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. Spelling activities, when required, will be sent home. Encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons, such as making shopping lists and invitations. There are a number of great websites that children can use to help develop their confidence in recognising sounds and words including [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) and 'Alphablocks' on CBeebies. In maths, help your child to count forwards and backwards up to 100 and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Helping your child to know their number bonds up to 10 is also invaluable such as  $6 + 3$ ,  $7 + 2$ ,  $8 + 1$  make 9 and so on. You can also encourage your child to recognise the values of different notes and coins and get them to make totals using different coins.

The Year 1 Team

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

**Dates for your diary****Cypress Primary School**

Wednesday 18th September	Forest School information session for parents/ carers (9am, Lower School hall)
Friday 20th September	Jeans for Genes Day - wear jeans to school and donate £1 to charity
Friday 27th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning - held in the Upper School hall
Thursday 3rd October	Year 1 curriculum meeting at 9:15am in the hall
Wednesday 20th November	Visitor from Guide Dogs for the Blind
Monday 25th November	Trip to the Science Museum
<i>Dates tbc</i>	Visit to the library for Blue Class, Green Class and Indigo Class-dates TBC