



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2019

Welcome 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. Important dates are to be found on the reverse of this letter so we recommend you stick it on your fridge. Important dates can also be found easily by going to www.pegasusacademytrust.org and clicking on the 'Events' tab at the top of the page.

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 developing their use of descriptive language.

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, or10) 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 try and write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. Weekly spellings will be sent home for the children to learn and use in sentences. Encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons such as 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 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 e.g. 6 and 3, 7 and 2, 8 and 1 make 9 etc. 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 at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Dates for your diary**Whitehorse Manor Infants main site**

Tuesday 24th September	Year 1 curriculum meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Infant hall
Monday 30th September	Visit to the library—Green class 9:30 a.m., Jade and Yellow class 1:45p.m.
Tuesday 19th November	Trip to the Science Museum
Monday 25th November	Visitor from Guide Dogs for the Blind

Whitehorse Manor Infants Brigstock site

Tuesday 24th September	Year 1 curriculum meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the hall
Monday 30th October	Visit to the library
Monday 18th November	Trip to the Science Museum
Thursday 17th October	Harvest assembly 9:00am in the hall
Tuesday 26th November	Visitor from Guide Dogs for the Blind

Ecclesbourne Primary School

Monday 23rd September	Year 1 curriculum meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the hall
Tuesday 1st October	Visit to the library
Monday 18th November	Trip to the Science Museum
Thursday 28th November	Visitor from Guide Dogs for the Blind