



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2018

Happy new year! We hope that you have had a fantastic break and look forward to having a wonderful term working together. 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: The children will develop their understanding of the characteristics of stories set in fairy tale or fantasy settings. We will be using the texts 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas, 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree' by Julia Donaldson and 'Jamil's Clever Cat' by Fiona French. They will sequence events and develop settings and ideas for their own stories. Throughout this term, the children will use their phonic knowledge to spell to help them write more independently. We will also focus on the development of oral and written sentences with different sentence starters and correct punctuation.

Maths: The children will learn to order sets of numbers up to 100 and continue to develop their understanding of place value in two digit numbers such as 23 (saying two tens and three ones). They will practise using their addition and subtraction skills in a range of contexts such as to solve missing number or money problems. We will start to look at fractions and how to find half and a quarter of an object or amount. The children will become more confident counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will learn to read the time to o'clock and half past the hour.

Science: The focus in science this term is materials. We will be looking at things made from different materials, using correct scientific vocabulary for the materials themselves and their properties. We will be looking at the differences between man-made and natural materials.

Thematic: This term our thematic topic is 'Toy Story'. The children will develop their understanding of toys from the past and how toys have changed. We will be looking at the materials toys are made from and how they move. We will be designing and making our own toy with a moving part. A place of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child is the V & A Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green.

Trips and events: This half term we will have a visitor from the museum of Croydon who is coming to share some old toys with us. The children will have a chance to see how toys have changed and put them into chronological order from oldest to most modern.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them as often as possible. 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 www.jollylearning.co.uk. In maths, help your child to recognise the value of coins and use these in real life shopping. This can link to addition and subtraction too. Continue to count forwards and backwards up to 100. If children do some work at home in their 'idea's books' we can celebrate their learning with them at school too.

The Year 1 Team

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

Dates for your diary

All schools

Friday 2nd February	Pegasus Academy Museum Day
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day
Tuesday 6th March 3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 7th March 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parents' Evening

Whitehorse Manor Infants main site

Monday 29th January	Visitor from museum of Croydon for toy handling session.
Wednesday 14th March 9:15am	Green Class assembly
Wednesday 21st March 9:15am	Yellow Class assembly
Wednesday 28th March 9:15am	Jade Class assembly

Whitehorse Manor Infants Brigstock site

Monday 29th January	Visitor from museum of Croydon for toy handling session.
Tuesday 20th March 9:15am	Rowan Class assembly

Ecclesbourne Primary School

Tuesday 30th January	Visitor from museum of Croydon for toy handling session.
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Beulah Primary School

Tuesday 30th January	Visitor from museum of Croydon for toy handling session.
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Cypress Primary School—Lower site

Friday 19th January 9:15am	Indigo class assembly
Friday 26th January	Visitor from museum of Croydon for toy handling session.
Friday 2nd March	Green class gardening session. Please bring wellies or outdoor footwear in a bag.
Friday 9th March	Blue class gardening session. Please bring wellies or outdoor footwear in a bag.
Friday 16th March	Indigo class gardening session. Please bring wellies or outdoor footwear in a bag.
Friday 23rd March 9:15am	Blue class assembly
Wednesday 28th March	Year 1 Spring performance