



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2019

Welcome back after the Easter break, we hope you had a lovely time. Our topic this term is 'Africa' and we have lots of exciting things planned including some African dancers coming in to teach the children some dances and a trip to the Horniman Museum. 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: In literacy this term, we will be exploring a range of stories including the brilliant 'Tinga Tinga Tales' and the 'Anansi' stories. We will go on a 'lion hunt' where our lion will go missing and has an adventure! We will be writing a recount of our fabulous trip to the Horniman Museum. Throughout this term there will be a focus on the children writing grammatically correct sentences, using correct word endings and adding interesting detail. We will be focusing on spelling the Year 1 word list correctly and using our phonics to decode any unfamiliar words. As you're aware, teachers will also be administering the national Phonics Screening Check in June and all the children have been making great progress in developing their phonological awareness. Results of this will be shared with you alongside end of year school reports.

Maths: In maths this term, we will continue to develop the children's confidence in using numbers up to and over 100. This includes being able to read, write and order them. The children will be learning about place value – how many tens and ones there are in a number and what happens to those numbers when you add or take away. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will have a focus on using our number bond knowledge to add and subtract. We will also be learning about the values of coins and notes and 2D and 3D shapes.

Science: In science this term, we will learn about why plants are important; how they grow and what we use them for. We will be looking at different plants such as flowers and trees and identifying their features. The children will observe a bean seed growing and think about what a plant needs to survive.

Thematic: Our thematic topic is 'Africa'. We will be looking at maps of Africa and discussing different areas such as towns and the savannah. We will be looking at some of the history of Africa and using different techniques in art and design to make African paintings and items such as jewellery. In creating our African market, we will be exploring the food and culture of the continent. **If anyone has any items at home they would be willing to show to the children, or any photos and stories from Africa, or know any African songs, rhymes or games please let us know. We would love for our families to be involved in this topic.**

Trips and events: This half term, we will be going on a trip to the Horniman Museum where the children will enjoy an African story telling workshop and get the opportunity to interact with some African artefacts. Next half term, we have some African dancers coming to school to teach the children some dances.

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. We are focussing on developing comprehension skills so asking your child lots of questions about the books you read will help with this. Please try and write in your child's reading diary as often as possible to keep us informed of their reading at home. Helping your child to be able to read and spell all the Year 1 words will help develop their confidence both in reading and writing. 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, continue to re-enforce all number bonds up to 20 as this will help them with addition and subtraction. Count forwards and backwards up to and over 100. Show your child how and why maths is important in every day life and ask them to help you solve mathematical problems you come across, including using money and finding totals.

The Year 1 Team

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

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

Wednesday 22nd May 9:00am—3:15pm	Visit to the Horniman Museum
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Monday 17th & 24th June 9:00am	African dancers
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Whitehorse Manor Infants Brigstock site

Monday 20th May 9:00am—3:15pm	Visit to the Horniman Museum
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Tuesday 18th & 25th 9:00am	African dancers
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Ecclesbourne Primary School

Monday 20th May 9:00am—3:15pm	Visit to the Horniman Museum
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Tuesday 18th & 25th June 10:15am	African dancers
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Friday 21st June 9:15am	Astronaut class assembly
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Friday 5th July 9:15am	Shooting Stars class assembly
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Beulah Primary School

Tuesday 21st May 9:00am—3:15pm	Visit to the Horniman Museum
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Monday 17th & 24th 1:30pm	African dancers
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Cypress Primary School—Lower site

Friday 17th May 9:00am—3:15pm	Visit to the Horniman Museum
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Friday 14th June 9.15am	Indigo class assembly
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Wednesday 19th & 26th June 9:00am	African dancers
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Tuesday 2nd July PM	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
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Friday 5th July	Patron of reading day and book signing after school
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Friday 5th July 9.15am	Blue class assembly
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