



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2019



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

**W**elcome to Year 2. 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 and you can always check the Pegasus website for up-to-date information.

**English:** During the autumn term, 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 "The Lonely Beast" and "George's Marvellous Medicine" to inspire our story writing and develop our love of reading. We will be researching and fact finding using a wide range of non-fiction books from the classroom and our new school library, looking closely at our history topic, which this term will be 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be writing exciting diaries in the style of an eye witness to the fire. Every week, the children will be learning about different aspects of spelling, grammar and punctuation and using this to improve their writing skills.

**Maths:** In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value e.g. to know that the number 23 is made up of 2 digits that tell us how many tens and ones there are in the number and that  $23 = 20 + 3$  as well as looking at different ways we can add and subtract numbers. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering that it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. We will also work on visualising and describing 2D and 3D shapes (hexagons, pentagons, cuboid, pyramids, cones), telling the time to the nearest 15 minute intervals and collecting information that will be recorded in tally charts and block graphs.

**Science:** Our science topic this term is "Living things and their habitats" and we will be learning that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants.

**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. As part of our design and technology topic we will be designing and making our own biscuit boxes.

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 Morden Hall Park to take part in a 'Comparing Habitats' session, where children will get the chance to take part in pond dipping as well as hunting for mini-beasts in the woodlands. This gives children a chance for some hands-on experience that will help bring our science topic 'Living Things and Their Habitats' to life.

**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 write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. We also look forward to seeing you for our year 2 curriculum meeting where we will share information about the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) that the children will be taking next May.

If you have any general concerns or questions in the meantime, please ask!

Miss T Cashmiri - Year 2 Team Leader

**Don't forget to check the website for news and upcoming dates 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

Wednesday 25th  
September

Year 2 Curriculum meeting (9:15am, Lower School hall)

Friday 27th  
September

MacMillan Coffee Morning - held in the Upper School hall

Thursday 10th  
October

Trip to Morden Hall Park - Ruby, Turquoise and Violet Class

Thursday 14th  
November

Trip to The Monument and The Garden at 120 - Ruby, Turquoise and Violet Class