



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2020



Happy New Year! We have a busy spring term ahead. We look forward to two exciting events this half term, displaying our history and art work during the Pegasus Academy Museum Day on **Friday 7th February 2020** (more details to follow) and our exciting year 2 trip to Hampton Court Palace— see dates overleaf.

English: In our English work this term, we will write information booklets about Henry VIII and understand how to organise our work under subtitles. We will be writing different types of sentences; exclamations (e.g. "What a rude man he was!"), commands (e.g. "Give me that crown."), statements (e.g. Henry VIII was the King of England.) and questions (e.g. How many wives did Henry VIII have?). We will work on understanding the difference between these sentence types and how to use them appropriately in our writing. We will be reading a number of Grimm's fairy tales and exploring the different features of a fairy tale such as the setting and characters. We will use these stories as inspiration to write our very own fairy tale with a twist. Children will also be writing their very own superhero stories based on the book 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction books all about reptiles and writing our own information leaflets about our favourite reptiles.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, we will continue our work on place value (e.g. $65 = 60 + 5$, 54 is greater than 23 and number bonds to 10 and 20) as well as looking at different ways we can add and subtract. We will be learning to use an empty number line to add or subtract in jumps of tens and ones. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. Children will be working to solve word problems this term, please put maths problems into a real-life situation to help children understand which mathematical operation they are using. We will be revisiting fractions and will be learning to recognise, name and write fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and will learn that they are part of a whole. We will be finding the fraction of numbers, shapes and length and will be looking at equivalent fractions too such as $\frac{2}{4}$ is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Science: Our science topics this term are "Materials" and "Plants". In our materials topic children will be looking at the properties of different materials and the reasons they are chosen to make different objects. The children will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed and identify the differences between types of plastic. Children will design their own waterproof jacket for Traction Man using the material they think will best protect him from the rain. In our plants topic children will be looking at the different things a plant needs to grow and survive. They will be planting their own daffodil bulbs and a selection of vegetables. They will watch them grow and record their observations. The children will have the chance to make a salad using ingredients they have grown themselves.

Thematic: Our topic this term is 'The Tudors' and the children will learn all about the reign of Henry VIII and how he ruled England 500 years ago. We will be bringing this topic alive by visiting Henry VIII's famous palace and discovering the fate of his six wives. The children will draw and paint Tudor portraits of themselves dressed as a Tudor monarch and will make Tudor roses. We will also be comparing King Henry VIII to our modern day monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

Trips and events:

This term we will be taking a trip to Hampton Court Palace to visit one of Henry VIII's most famous palaces. Museum Day will also take place this term, this is an opportunity for each class to showcase their fantastic thematic work.

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 is expected to change their reading book on a daily basis. It is essential that you listen to them read aloud and also that you read to them using a range of different texts such as newspapers, recipes and magazines. Please encourage your child to log onto Bug Club on a weekly basis and read the books that have been selected by their teacher. It is also important that they answer the questions found when clicking on the green bug. Please write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. There will be a chance for you to meet with your child's teacher this term to talk through their next steps for learning. Parents' evening will be taking place on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March from 3:30 to 6:30pm**. You will be able to sign up for a slot nearer to the time. 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 at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Please see important dates on the reverse of this letter.

Dates for your diary

All Pegasus schools

Friday 7th February	Museum Day
Monday 2nd March	Book Week
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Sport Relief
Tuesday 17th March & Wednesday 18th March	Parents' evenings

Cypress Primary School—Lower Site

Tuesday 28th January, 3.30pm	Patron of Reading after school family workshop 'Tablecloth Stories' - ticketed event
Thursday 13th February	Year 2 trip to Hampton Court
Friday 20th March	Cypress Spring Fair
Thursday 2nd April 3.30pm	Yr2 Disco