



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2019

**W**e hope you had a lovely Easter break. We are looking ahead to another very busy term and hopefully some glorious summer weather. As you will know, May is a very important time of year in year two because the children will be sitting their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) which support teachers in making assessments of children's attainment at the end of Key Stage 1. Please ensure your child has plenty of sleep each night, attends school every day and arrives on time. It is essential that they do not miss any important learning or the start of any of the tests, which will be administered in small groups. You can also help your child by making sure you read with them every day at home. After May half term, we will also be taking the children on visits to the upper site to support their transition to year 3 in September.

**English:** This term we will be reading stories such as 'Gregory Cool' (a story about a boy visiting Tobago), 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and a number of books about pirates. The children will be using these books as inspiration for their own stories, letter writing and character descriptions. We have started our first text which is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children have been busy building an 'Iron Man' and writing commands for him to follow. We have also been working hard to use noun phrases in all of our work (the *huge, metal* monster etc.). What exciting adjectives can you come up with at home? We are encouraging children to continually improve and edit their work so it is interesting for the person who is reading it! Please support your child by continuing to read stories to them and listen to them read every day. Remember each child has access to 'Bug Club' and 'Reading Cloud' which have a great selection of online books along with questions for your child to answer which will help to develop their comprehension skills.

**Maths:** In maths we are consolidating our work around the four number operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and we are applying these operation in word problems. Can your child understand the mathematical signs and tell you how to solve a problem? Try to put mathematical problems into real life situations to help your child visualise what the question is asking and then ask them which strategy they would use to help them solve it. We will be looking at the inverse (opposite) and how we can use this to help us solve missing number problems. We will be looking at capacity and weight and looking at the units of measurement that are used. When working with weight and capacity children will be comparing objects and solving word problems involving these measures. Please support your child by helping them to clarify what these measurements mean. For example, would a tin of beans weigh 500g or 500kg? Keep practising how to tell the time on an analogue clock—especially times such as o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

**Science:** Our science topics over the next two half terms are 'Plants' and 'Humans and other animals'. The children will be exploring how people, animals and plants are all living things and have similarities and differences. We will be learning about the life cycles of different animals. This term, we will be receiving a special delivery of caterpillars. The children will be able to watch their lifecycle as they change from a caterpillar to a butterfly. When they are ready to fly we will set them free. The children will be learning about how to care for animals making sure they are looked after properly. We will also be looking at different food groups and thinking about how we can have a healthy, balanced diet. We will also be learning the importance of exercise and hygiene.

**Thematic:** Our thematic topic this term will be 'Oh I do like to be besides the seaside'. We will be learning about the features of a seaside and which features are natural and which are man-made. We will be researching and comparing seaside holidays from the past to the seaside holidays we might go on today. During this topic, we will be visiting the seaside and creating seaside landscapes. As part of our DT work, children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own puppets. Children will practise lots of sewing before using this new skill to help them sew their puppets together.

**Trips and events:** We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term. In July we will be visiting the seaside at Broadstairs, on the Kent coast. Children will get the chance to see some seaside features for themselves and play in the sand.

**What you can do to help:** The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them every day. 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 ask questions about the text. However, it is also important that you also read to them so they are exposed to a range of different texts. Please also encourage your child to log on to 'Bug Club' and read the books that have been selected by their teacher and ensure that they answer the questions that can be found by clicking on the green bug. Remember to write in your child's reading diary to keep us informed of their reading at home. A break down of what we are learning this half term can be found on the school website. If you have any questions, please come and ask!

Year 2 Team

**Don't forget to check the website at: [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)**

**Please see important dates on the reverse of this letter.**

**Dates for your diary****Cypress Primary School**

Monday 6th May

Schools Closed—Bank Holiday

During May

Year 2 SATs and teacher assessments

Friday 10th May

Ruby class assembly 9.15am

Friday 24th May

Year 2—End of SATs celebration

**Friday 24th May****Last day of half term.  
Return 3rd June**

Tuesday 2nd July

KS1 sports day (pm)

Thursday 4th July

Year 2 Trip to Broadstairs

Friday 5th July

Patron of Reading day and book sale after school

**Friday 19th July****Last day of term.  
Return Thursday 5th September**