



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2023

Welcome to Year 1. 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 and letters with you, we will use the 'Studybugs' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for you. We will also keep our Google Classrooms up-to-date with messages and important dates. Trust-wide dates can also be found easily by going to www.pegasusacademytrust.org and clicking on the 'calendar' tab at the top of the page.

English: We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. We will be reading 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and 'I want my hat back' by John Klassen to help inspire our writing. We have a fantastic 'Moon Day' planned for the later in the term - the children will blast off to space and meet an alien themselves! We will also be looking at information books to find out some facts about space travel. Our main focus will be to teach the children to write great sentences that make sense, start with a capital letter, end with a full stop, use finger spaces between words and have clear handwriting. We will also be developing the use of descriptive language.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on developing their number knowledge and confidence through activities such as recognising and ordering numbers, counting both forwards and backwards, number bonds (different ways to make 5,6,7,8,9, or 10) and 1 more or less than a given number. We will also focus on addition and subtraction strategies within 10.

Science: Our science topics are 'All About Me' and 'Seasonal Changes'. We will be naming and labelling parts of our bodies and exploring and investigating using our senses. We will learn about the seasonal changes that happen between autumn and winter.

Thematic: This term our theme is 'Here we Are'. The children will be looking at the local area and how it has changed over time. We will be looking at, creating and identifying key features on a map. During our trip to the library, we will be recording features of the local area. The children will be creating portraits using a variety of materials. We will design and make a moon buggy using wheels and axles.

Trips and events: This half term we will be looking at buildings in our local area and visiting the local library. This year, as part of our curriculum convergence, we are aiming to take the children on the same trips as all the other children across the Trust. More details will follow in due course.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them daily. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag regularly. They will also be given a fully decodable book to read over the week. 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 daily basis to keep us informed of their reading at home, even if it is only your signature. Thematic homework will be sent home every term for the children to complete if they wish. Please encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons such as shopping lists and invitations. We teach phonics using 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' and they have a huge range of fantastic resources for parents which you can find here: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>. 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 'alphablocks' on CBeebies. In maths, help your child to count forwards and backwards up to 100 and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Helping your child to know their number bonds up to 10 is also invaluable, such as 6+3, 7+2, 8+1 all total 9.

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

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