



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 5 Termly Newsletter: Autumn Term 2023

**W**elcome to Year 5. We hope that you have had a restful summer holiday. We are looking forward to a wonderful year working together and hope that this newsletter will keep you informed about what your children will be learning this term. If we need to share further information with you, we will use Study Bugs so please make sure you download the app. We will continue to keep our Google Classrooms updated with any messages and other important dates can also be found easily by going to [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org) and clicking on the 'Events' tab.

**English:** We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing, speaking and listening. The children will be using the text 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom' by Louis Sachar to support their learning on writing dialogue and using extended reporting clauses to show character. We will also be reading a number of texts such as '*Beowulf*', '*The Lost Words*' and '*The Very Merry Murder Club*'. Later on in the term, we will be using different multi-media videos to teach about narrative writing and show pupils how to be innovative when they write. We will also be setting up our own spooky scene that we will use for a range of writing opportunities including: creating our own spooky soup recipes, descriptive writing and how to build atmosphere by writing our own spooky stories. Each week we will also be building upon our technical knowledge of grammar and spelling patterns.

**Maths:** In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value, number and calculations. We will begin by building a secure foundation of what value the digits in numbers up to a million hold and exploring the different ways these numbers are represented. We will then move on to explore multiples, factors, square and cube numbers, followed by statistics later on in the term. Additionally, we will be exploring the four calculation operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) in great depth, including both mental and written methods. Our maths learning will include a range of reasoning and problem solving elements that will enable the children to tackle complex problems independently.

**Science:** Our science topics are '*Forces*' and '*Properties and Changes of Materials*'. We will be exploring the forces in our everyday lives, explaining the idea of push and pull begin to understand mechanism such as pulleys, levers and gears. We will also learn all about gravity and the effect of a force on objects. The classification of materials and an exploration of the different types of changes to properties will follow in the second part of the autumn term.

**Thematic:** This term our theme is: The Vikings are Coming! In history, we will be placing key Viking events in chronological order, finding out what structures the Viking people lived and travelled in and learning about Viking weapons. In geography, we will be learning about the countries that the Vikings arrived from and understanding the function of rivers. In art, children will use a range of materials to sketch Viking artefacts. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could try visit with your child are: the Museum of London, The Jorvik Viking Centre and the British Museum.

**Trips and events:** This term, we will have a Viking Day (dates TBC) which will immerse the children in their thematic learning. It is designed to give the children a realistic and thorough understanding of Viking life, settlements and battles. We will also have the opportunity to take the children to a Gurdwara to experience and learn more about our RE topic Sikhism. We will publish these dates as soon as they are available.

**What you can do to help:** Please make sure that your child reads every night and sign their reading diary at the end of the week. Regular reading is proven to improve children's learning. Ask them questions about what they've read. Ask them what they think the words mean or what the character might be thinking or feeling. There is no such thing as a night with 'no homework': every night is reading night! Lists of spelling words for each year group are available on our website and children are expected to know these by the end of the year. Times tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, in mixed order, and know the corresponding division fact. 'Mathletics' is our on-line maths homework. Children are expected to earn 1000 points each week but are welcome to earn more points! 'Live' Mathletics is particularly good for developing mental maths skills. Additionally, helping your children to complete their thematic homework is a wonderful way of spending time with your child whilst supporting their learning.

The Year 5 Team

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