The Pegasus Academy Trust

Nursery Newsletter: Autumn 2, 2026

Welcome back for another exciting half term! It is great to see how the children have settled back in so well to the Nursery routine and we love to see how happy they are to come to school. The learning is already well underway in the classrooms but we wanted to write to you and let you know what we will be looking at this half term. Our topic this half term is **'I can see a rainbow!'** where the children will focus on colour, colour mixing and lots of wonderful books about the range of colours they see every day.

Communication & Language: Over the next half term, the children will continue to build on their understanding of instructions and routines in their setting. Now they are settled into their inside and outside environments we will be building on their understanding of the rules and work on one step and two step instructions as they interact with activities. We will also be working on our descriptive language when looking at all the amazing art work we will create using colour this half term, linking with Expressive Arts and Design. Please continue to ask your child questions about their day! Encourage them to expand their vocabulary and talk confidently about their work.

Personal, Social and Emotional: As the children continue to settle in the nursery environment we will build on their familiarisation of the space and how to look after it. We will continue to grow their understanding of sharing and how to take turns fairly with toys and equipment. Positive behaviours will continue to be encouraged and praised in the classroom and we will support them as they create new friendships within the setting.

Physical Development: This term children will continue to explore the outside equipment to improve their gross motor skills. This will include climbing equipment, bikes, stilts and hula hoops. These activities help build important muscles that then support their fine motor skills for writing. Alongside this, we will be working on using a variety of tools for a purpose. This will include scissors, hole punches, paint brushes and other creative tools whilst creating in the art area. These tools will help strengthen their fine motor skills and support them with forming a strong pencil grip.

Literacy: This half term, we will be focussing on a variety of texts focussed around colours. Including 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' (by Bill Martin Jr.) and 'Mouse Paint' (by Ellen Walsh). When looking at each new text we will be focussing on new vocabulary and encourage discussions, focussing on asking and answering questions related to the story. This will continue to foster a love of reading and support the children in enjoying sharing stories. As we enter Autumn 2, we are beginning to introduce 'Foundation of Phonics' scheme from Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. These activities encourage the children's sound awareness and oral blending. Last term we began to play sound awareness games, supporting the children with identifying environment sounds and distinguishing between different sounds e.g. cars and helicopters. To build on this we will be playing a variety of oral blending games with the whole class and in small groups.

Mathematics: In mathematics this half term we will be focussing on shapes! We will introduce a shape a week focussing on the properties of each shape and choosing the right shapes for a purpose e.g. drawing different pictures. The shapes we will focus on are circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. Please support us with this by looking for shapes in your environment with your child. For example play games on the way to school "Can you see any squares?" "I can see a circle, can you find where it is?" This could be at home or on the way to school or on the weekends! This will help the children notice shapes around them and build on their understanding.

Understanding the World: In this area of learning, we will be looking at celebrations. We will investigate how people in our own communities and around the world have different traditions and celebrations. We will be thinking about how and when we celebrate with our own families and how that compares to others. Last half term we looked at Diwali and we will now compare that to fireworks night and Christmas. The children will begin to identify similarities and differences. When looking at the Christmas story we will talk about how Christians celebrate, how others in our community celebrate and how it might compare to a different celebrations the children have in their own home.

Expressive Arts and Design: In art and design, we will be doing a lot of exploration with colour! We will be mixing colours and investigating all the different colours we can make when doing this. When looking at colour we will focus a lot on the rainbow and the spectrum of colours within that using those colours for a variety of purposes and with a variety of resources e.g. tissue paper, paint, crayons etc.

The Nursery Team

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