



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Newsletter: Spring 2026

Happy new year! We hope that you have had a fantastic break and look forward to having a wonderful term working together. This newsletter will help to keep you informed about what your children will be learning this term. If we need to share information with you, we will use the 'text to parents' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for you. Important dates can be found easily by going to our website and clicking the events section.

English: The children will develop their understanding of the characteristics and structure of stories. We will be using the stories 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas, "**The Three Little Pigs**", "**Jack and the Flum Flum Tree**" by Julia Donaldson and "**Chalk**" by Bill Thomson. Children will be sequencing events and developing settings and ideas for their own stories. We will also be looking at writing instructions for making toys and performing a poem by Roger McGough. Throughout this term, the children will use their phonic knowledge to spell to help them write more independently. We will also focus on the development of oral and written sentences with different sentence starters and use of correct punctuation.

Maths: We will be learning about place value in **numbers up to 50**, including how many tens and ones are in a 2-digit number. The children will learn to add and subtract numbers within 20 including becoming more confident using number bonds to 20 and their related subtraction facts, e.g. $17 + 3 = 20$, $20 - 17 = 3$. We will practise using their addition and subtraction skills in a range of contexts such as to solve missing number or money problems. We will look at measures. Children will solve problems relating to weight, length and height. We will learn about the names and **properties of 2D and 3D shapes** and practise sorting them and making patterns with them.

Science: The focus in science this term is **materials**. We will be looking at things made from different materials, using correct scientific vocabulary for the materials themselves and their properties. The children will be investigating which material is the most suitable for use as a boat.

Thematic: This term our thematic topic is '**Toys**'. The children will develop their understanding of toys from the past and how toys have changed. We will be looking at the materials toys are made from and how they move. We will be designing and making our own toy from recycled materials.

Trips and events: This half term we will have a visitor from the Museum of Croydon who is coming to share some old toys with us. The children will have a chance to see how toys have changed and put them into chronological order from oldest to most modern.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them as often as possible. 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. This year we are sending home the "Reading Practice Books" and "Reading Spine Books", please make sure you return them on Thursdays to ensure your child get a new book for the weekend. 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' evenings will be taking place from 3:30 to 6:30pm the week beginning Monday 9th March. 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!

The Year 1 Team

Don't forget to check the website at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org
Please see important dates on the reverse of this letter.

Dates for your diaries	
	Year 1
PE Days	Green & Purple Thursday until 23rd February then switches to Tuesday
Friday 6 th February Time TBC	Museum Day
16 th February to 20 st February	Half term
Friday 27 th February 9:15 – 9:45	Purple Class Assembly
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day & Author visit
Tuesday 10 th March 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 th March 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 13 th March 9:15 – 9:45	Green Class Assembly
Friday 27 th March	End of term