



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 2 Newsletter: Summer 2026

We hope you had lovely Easter break. We are looking ahead to another very busy term and hopefully some nice summer weather. This term, we have a lot of engaging, creative activities for children to enjoy such as making lollystick creatures, sculpting sea creatures using clay, learning to sew and painting seascapes.

**English:** This term we will be reading stories such as 'The Secret of Black Rock' and 'Rosie's Magic Horse'. Using these texts as inspiration, we will write adventure stories. We will be having a Carnival Day to launch our unit on Caribbean poetry, during which we will learn and perform some poems. Our first text back has been 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. To immerse ourselves in the enormity of this character, each class has created their own giant Iron Man. Inspired by 'Rosie's Magic Horse' we will create lollystick creatures and write our own original stories featuring our creation as the hero. As we continue through our final term, we are encouraging children to continually improve their writing by adding interesting vocabulary. Please support your child by continuing to read stories to them and listen to them read every day.

**Maths:** In maths, we will be looking at time, measure, shape, statistics, position and direction. Children will enjoy lots of practical opportunities when working with measure to investigate length, weight and capacity. When working with shape, children will be looking for similarities and differences between shapes. In statistics, children will interpret and create tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. Keep practising how to tell the time on an analogue clock—especially times such as o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. During our learning about position and direction, we will focus on the specific vocabulary we need to use to accurately describe movement.

**Science:** Our science topic this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will be exploring how people, animals and plants are all living things and have similarities and differences. We will be learning that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and be able to recognise how different habitats provide the basic needs for different kinds of animals and plants. Using their creative skills, children will make habitat boxes focusing on a variety of habitats from around the world. Children will visit The Centre for Wildlife in Dulwich where they will have an opportunity to see invertebrates in their natural habitat - woodland and the river.

**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 human and which are physical. During this topic, we will be comparing what seascapes were like in the past and today, looking at entertainment and conventions. In Art we will be painting seaside landscapes, aiming to convey a particular mood. We will also be using clay to sculpt sea creatures, using our English text 'The Secret of Black Rock' as inspiration. As part of our DT work, children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own puppets, a form of entertainment used at the seaside in the Victorian Era. Children will have many opportunities to develop their sewing skills before sewing their puppets together. To support this learning, we are excited to be hosting drama workshops for each class about seaside holidays in the past.

**Trips and events:** We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term. Teach It Through Drama will visit us in school to host a drama workshop about seaside holidays in the past. We will visit The Centre for Wildlife where children will explore the habitats of a variety of invertebrates both on land and in water. We will need parent helpers to accompany us on this trip so please let us know if you are available to come with us. We will be also holding a Carnival Day in July to launch our Caribbean Poetry unit. Later in the term, children will also participate in sports' day and class assemblies.

**What you can do to help:** The most important way you can support your child is by listening to them read every day. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag on a daily basis. As mentioned above, 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. Remember to write in your child's reading diary daily in order to keep us informed of their reading at home. A breakdown of what we are learning this half term can be found on the school website. If you have any questions, please come and ask!

**The 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.**

<b>Dates for your diary</b>	
	<b><u>Whitehorse Manor Infants School</u></b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Seaside Holidays in the Past Drama workshop in school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Lilac and Purple Class visit to Centre for Wildlife
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Indigo Class visit to Centre for Wildlife
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June at 5pm	Year 2 to 3 Transition Meeting
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Carnival Day in school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am	Indigo Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am	Lilac Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Leavers Disco
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am	Purple Class Assembly
	<b><u>Brigstock</u></b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Seaside Holidays in the Past Drama workshop in school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Ash Class visit to Centre for Wildlife
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day at Whitehorse Manor main site
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Carnival Day at Whitehorse Manor main site
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm	Year 2 to 3 Transition Meeting
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Disco
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am	Ash Class Assembly