



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

**S**ummer has finally arrived! We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break. 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 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.

**English:** This term the children have commenced their study of 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver. They will be writing in a range of genres; we will continue to focus on excellent sentence construction and developing ideas within their writing to interest the reader. During the second half of this term, we will be basing our work around a series of short stories. The children will be investigating the features of a short narrative and using the themes of the stories to complete a range of different writing.

**Maths:** We will be continuing to separate our maths learning into arithmetic and maths mastery with an emphasis on encouraging the children to explain their thinking and demonstrate their methodology. In arithmetic this term, we will be developing the children's ability to use their knowledge of number effectively and efficiently with a focus on calculations involving algebra. In our maths mastery learning this half term, we will begin by focusing on measurement including converting between standard units of measurement, converting between miles and kilometres and solving calculations involving converting. This will involve using their knowledge of measurement to solve words problems. We will then go on to a study of statistics during which we will interpret and construct line graphs and pie charts as well as learning how to calculate the mean as an average.

**Science:** Our science topics for this term are 'Light' and 'Electricity'. During our study of light, we will be studying how light moves and how we see colour as well as investigating reflection, refraction and shadows. When we study electricity, we will be exploring how to build and use a variety of circuits and will be completing an investigation based on this knowledge.

**Thematic:** This term our theme is: Greece is the Word. We will be learning about the location, geography and climate of Greece, and investigating the politics of Ancient Greece. We will be learning about the wonderful world of Greek Gods and as well as depicting myths and mythological beasts using our knowledge of levers and artistic techniques.

The British Museum has a wonderful collection of Ancient Greek artefacts that you can view online; you might wish to virtually 'visit' the museum with your child during the next few months.

**Trips and events:** Whilst things are gradually opening up and we are hoping to take the children on a trip before the end of the year, the Isle of Wight residential trip will not be happening. However, we have lots of other events planned which the children will enjoy. We are going to Croydon Arena for a Trust-wide Year 6 sports day, we will camp out and have a BBQ in the school field over night and there are other plans afoot. Please see over the page for the dates for your diary.

**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 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 (a bronze certificate) 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.

# Dates for your diary

## Cypress Primary School

Wednesday 23rd June 2021—PM	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day at school. Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Friday 2nd July 2021	Campout and BBQ on the school field. Children will return to school at 6pm and then leave at 9am on the Saturday.
Monday 5th July 2021 2.00pm	Year 6 Production—matinee performance
Wednesday 7th July 2021	Year 6 Production—evening performance
Tuesday 13th July 2021	Trust-wide Year 6 Sports Day at Croydon arena. Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Wednesday 21st July 2021	Disco and pizza
Thursday 22nd July 2021	Leavers' Assembly. Parents are welcome to come and watch.