



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 6 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2026

**H**appy New Year! We hope that you have had a wonderful, relaxing break and that the children are refreshed and ready to recommence their learning. 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 email or use Studybugs service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number and email address for you. Please check StudyBugs for regular reminders about payments for the residential trip. Please contact the school office or one of the Year 6 teachers if you would like to find out more.

**English:** This half term, the children will be studying the 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan (author of the 'Percy Jackson' series). We have started by learning about the ownership debate surrounding the Rosetta Stone, which features in the book, and writing persuasive letters about what we believe should happen to it. This gives the children the opportunity to develop and question their understanding. We examine a number of very current news articles about countries requesting the return of their artefacts from European and American museums. Following that, the children will demonstrate their ability to write engaging narratives where they will continue the story at a dramatic moment using both direct and reported speech. They will develop characterisation by giving clues about their characters' personalities, and create detailed descriptions. Much of the focus is now building a portfolio of writing for the children so that they can demonstrate all the necessary writing skills required to meet the end of Year 6 expected standard. During the second spring half term, the children will study 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare; learning about one of the most significant writers in history whilst also retelling some of the iconic events and ideas from the play. They will be creating their own monologues using Shakespearean language.

**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 decimals, fractions and percentages. In our maths mastery learning this half term, we will begin by focusing on angles in triangles and quadrilaterals as well as finding unknown angles. This will involve using their knowledge of shape to solve word problems. We will then go on to a study of circles during which we will investigate the different technical names for parts of the circle.

**Science:** During the first half of the spring term, we will be continuing our studies about 'Animals including Humans', including learning about blood and how and why it travels around the body. Children will link this learning to their investigations of the heart.

The second topic we will be studying 'Living things and their Habitats'. This includes the study of microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi, where we will carry out experiments to prove their existence as living things. Further to that, the children will use classification keys to identify different types of the same species.

**Thematic:** This term we complete our 'Walk Like an Egyptian' theme, before starting 'Greece is the Word' in the second half of the term. To finish our learning about Ancient Egypt, the children will be putting their Art & DT skills to use to recreate a funerary mask, inspired by Tutankhamun's solid gold death mask.

After the half term, we will be drawing using one-point perspective and varying texture and tone. We will also be looking at Greek myths and key historical events, such as the battle of Marathon. We do hope that you will join us on Museum Day to have a look at the work that the children have completed on our theme so far!

**Trips and events:** Children will be visiting Croydon Fire Station to take part in a TfL Citizenship workshop. The scheme helps pupils prepare for challenges they may face as they become young adults when travelling around London. They will take part in a carousel of activities, with topics such as the Metropolitan Police and St John's Ambulance. Children will also have an opportunity to attend a Shakespearean workshop by Sky Blue Theatre Company to coincide with our writing unit on Macbeth. The session aims to develop children's speaking and listening skills through drama.

**What you can do to help:** Homework will be sent home on Friday and should be returned to teachers on Monday. While the homework is not compulsory, it is highly beneficial in preparing children for secondary school and building confidence with SATs-style questions; children who have a busy weekend or need extra support will have the opportunity to work through the homework with Ms Wayman on Monday lunchtime. 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, what they think the words mean or what the character might be thinking or feeling. Times tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, in mixed order, and know the corresponding division facts. 'Mathletics' is our on-line maths homework. 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 6 Team**

**Dates for your diary:****Cypress Primary School****January**

Friday 16th January	Trip to Croydon Fire Station—TfL Citizenship Workshop
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**February**

Friday 6th February	Museum Day
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16th-22nd February	Half Term
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Tuesday 25th February	Shakespeare Workshop
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**March**

Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
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Monday 9th March Wednesday 11th March	Parent's Evening
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