



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2019

**W**elcome to Year 3. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and look forward to having a wonderful year working together. 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:** We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading and writing. With this aim in mind, we will be reading a number of exciting fictional texts this term such as *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne and *Aesop's Fables*. Through our work with these texts, the children will develop their ability to write in a range of genres including diary writing, descriptive writing, non-fiction, dialogue and narrative. As well as our fictional texts, children will also use their knowledge of Crystal Palace, linked to our Thematic work, to produce a range of work relating to Waterhouse Hawkins's model dinosaurs. Children will also be learning about a range of inspirational people in relation to our work for Black History Month. The children will be introduced to some personalised writing targets based around collecting superhero stickers. A letter explaining it all will be sent in due course.

**Maths:** In our maths learning this term the children will be solely focusing on number. In Year 3, we feel it is best for children to grasp the place value of numbers and are able to partition, order, double and halve one, two and three-digit numbers. We are also focusing on using the expanded column method to set out our addition and subtraction calculations. We will be learning how to solve multiplication problems using the 'grid method' and how to solve division problems mentally and using 'chunking'. All of these skills will give the children a good foundation at the start of Key Stage 2 so that they are prepared when we move onto applying these skills to real life problems.

**Science:** Our science topics for this term are 'Animals Including Humans' and 'Forces and Magnets'. During our study of animals including humans, we will be learning about human diet and what nutrients the body needs. We will also learn the names and functions of different human bones and muscle groups. We will then move on to explore forces and magnets. We will discover what a force is, what affects forces and how magnets work. We will then be completing investigations based on this new knowledge.

**Thematic:** This term our theme is: The Crystal Palace. In history, we will be learning about the local history of Crystal Palace since 1851 until the present day. In geography, we will learn about the key landmarks in Thornton Heath and look at population trends in the area. In Art, children will learn about Henri Rousseau and Frida Kahlo before independently recreating their work. In Design and Technology, children will have the opportunity to design, plan and build their own structure to replace the Crystal Palace. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are Crystal Palace Park, Thornton Heath library or the National Gallery in London.

**Trips and events:** This term we will be visiting Crystal Palace Park by public transport to find out about the local area. We will be visiting the site of the Crystal Palace itself as well as the Victorian dinosaurs created by Waterhouse Hawkins. We will also be visiting our local library to allow children the opportunity to discover what is on offer to them for free.

**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 and will be introduced soon. 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.

The Year 3 Team

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**Dates for your diary****Whitehorse Manor Junior School**

Tue 8th/Wed 9th October 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.30pm Please make an appointment with your class teacher when the letters are handed out to the children.
Wed 16th October 2019	Trip to Crystal Palace Park (3P Elm, 3A New Forest and 3M Shetland) Children need to be in school by 8.45am prompt
Fri 18th October 2019	Trip to Crystal Palace Park (3H Exmoor) Children need to be in school by 8.45am prompt
Fri 8th November 2019	Class assembly by 3M Shetland class
TBC	Local Library visit

**Ecclesbourne Primary School**

Fri 18th October 2019	Trip to Crystal Palace Park (Asteroids and Meteors) Children need to be in school by 8.45am prompt
Tue 8th/Wed 9th October 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.30pm Please make an appointment with your class teacher when the letters are handed out to the children.
TBC	Local Library visit

**Cypress Junior School**

Tue 8th/Wed 9th October 2019	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.30pm Please make an appointment with your class teacher when the letters are handed out to the children.
Mon 14th October 2019	Trip to Crystal Palace Park (Birch, Holly and Cedar) Children need to be in school by 8.45am prompt
TBC	Local Library visit