



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 6 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2019

Welcome to Year 6. 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. Important dates are to be found on the reverse of this letter so we recommend you stick it on your fridge. Important dates can also be found easily by going to www.pegasusacademytrust.org and clicking on the 'Events' tab at the top of the page.'

English: We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading and writing. The children will have the opportunity to let their imaginations soar when we write a story to go with the wonderful picture book Tuesday by David Weisner and create a practical survival guide based on the text Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick. We will also be completing work based on the Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. 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. We will also be developing the children's understanding of spelling and grammar rules, allowing them to use these more accurately in their work.

Maths: As part of the SATs exams, children will be sitting an arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers. Therefore, we will be separating our maths learning into those two areas with an emphasis on encouraging the children to explain their thinking and demonstrate their methodology. In arithmetic this term, we will be re-capping methods for the 4 operations as well as introducing new methods, such as long division. In our reasoning learning this half term, we will be focusing on place value, decimals, fractions and percentages. Next half term, our focus will be on geometry, including how to find missing angles, how to calculate a radius and diameter of a circle and how to use this knowledge to solve reasoning problems.

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 so we will be visiting their exhibitions later this term.

Trips and events: As well as our trip to the British Museum this term, we will be holding a Citizenship Day. We will be visited by various agencies, such as the police, the fire brigade and Cats Protection, who will talk to Year 6 about how to be a good citizen and the importance of being a good citizen. We will also be holding an election for the student body to vote for their House Captains, Vice-Captains and Monitors. Trips cannot go ahead without parent helpers so please contact your class teacher if you are available to come to the British Museum with us in November.

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. They can go onto Times Tables Rockstars to support this learning. '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 child to complete their thematic homework is a wonderful way of spending time with them whilst supporting their learning.

The Year 6 Team

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Dates for your diary

Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Tuesday 10th September 2019	Citizenship Day for WHJUN main site
Wednesday 18th September 2019	Citizenship Day for Brigstock site
Monday 7th October 2019	Rail Safety Workshop for WHJUN main site
Wednesday 16th October 2019 2-3pm.	If you require any help with your child's secondary school application form, please come along to our workshop at Whitehorse Manor Junior School
Wednesday 20th November 2019	Suffolk and Shire class trips to the British Museum
Thursday 21st November 2019	Brigstock Oak class trip to the British Museum
Friday 22nd November 2019	Clydesdale class trip to the British Museum

Ecclesbourne Primary School

Wednesday 11th September 2018	Citizenship Day
Wednesday 16th October 2019 9.30-10.30am.	If you require any help with your child's secondary school application form, please come along to our workshop at Ecclesbourne Primary School
Monday 18th November 2019	Mars and Jupiter class trips to the British Museum

Cypress Junior School

Tuesday 17th September 2019	Citizenship Day
Wednesday 16th October 2019 2-4pm	If you require any help with your child's secondary school application form, please come along to the workshop being held at Cypress Upper School.
Tuesday 20th November 2019	Larch and Beech class trips to the British Museum
Thursday 21st November 2019	Oak class trip to the British Museum