



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 6 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2022

Happy 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 use the 'text to parents' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for you.

English: This half term, the children will be studying 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan. This exciting text follows the lives of a brother and sister as they navigate the mysterious world of Egyptian mythology. They will write their own chapter in the style of a third person narrative demonstrating their ability to write in the 3rd person and in the past using both direct and reported speech. We will then study the process of mummification in Ancient Egypt and the children will write their own set of instructions on how to mummify a body.

During the second Spring half term, we will be taking a fresh look at the fairy tale of the 3 little pigs. We will investigate the story from the perspective of the wolf and the children will write a case to defend this potentially misunderstood character. Finally, we will dive into the world of Shakespeare by studying 'Macbeth'. The children will have the opportunity to write and perform poetry in the style of the 3 witches as well as writing a monologue in the role of Lady Macbeth.

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. Additionally, we will study measurements including area, perimeter, volume and shape.

Science: Our science topics for this term are 'Animals inc. Humans' and 'Living Things and their Habitats'. During our study of 'Animals including Humans', we will learn about the function of the heart, the circulatory system and the blood and blood vessels as well as developing an understanding of how water and nutrients are transported round the body. We will also carry out an investigation into the effect of exercise on the heart. As part of our studies around 'Living Things and their Habitats' we will be classifying plants and animals using scientific classification keys. We will also be identifying a variety of organisms.

Thematic: Our theme in the first half of Spring term is Walk Like An Egyptian. In history, we will be learning about mummification and the legendary last pharaoh, Cleopatra. In Art and D&T, we will be learning about using texture for effect as well as studying the Ancient Egyptian's irrigation tool, the shaduf, and making one for ourselves. Our theme in the second half of Spring term will be Greece is the Word. The children will learn to draw using one-point perspective as well as studying Greek Gods and myths. The British Museum has a wonderful collection of Ancient Egyptian and Greek artefacts; you might wish to visit the museum with your child during the next few months.

Trips and events: To support the children's writing around the text 'The Red Pyramid' and their thematic learning, we will be visiting the wonderful collection of Ancient Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum. This includes the historically vital Rosetta Stone. During the second half of the Spring term, we will be visited by a theatre company who will help immerse the children into the world of Macbeth.

What you can do to help: Please make sure that your child reads every night and that you 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

Monday 7th February 2022	Oak BRIG class trip to the British Museum.
Thursday 10th February 2022	Suffolk class trip to the British Museum.
Friday 11th February 2022	Shire class trip to the British Museum.
Friday 25th February 2022	Clydesdale class trip to the British Museum.
Monday 14th March 2022	All year 6 WHJUN classes attending Shakespeare workshop.

Ecclesbourne Primary School

Monday 31st January 2022	Mars class trip to the British Museum.
Thursday 3rd February 2022	Jupiter class trip to the British Museum.
Monday 14th March 2022	Both classes attending Shakespeare workshop.

Cypress Primary—Upper School

Thursday 20th January 2022	Beech class—this trip has been postponed until further notice.
Friday 28th January 2022	Oak class trip to the British Museum.
Tuesday 15th March 2022	Both classes attending Shakespeare workshop.