



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Summer 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 (WHJUN and EPS) and Studybug's (CYP), 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 writing our own versions of the classic Greek myth, Odysseus and the Cyclops as well as preparing for secondary school with poetry from Rachel Rooney's 'A Kid in My Class.'

Maths: With the SATs approaching (Tuesday 9th May-Friday 12th May), we will be focusing on revision. It would be wonderful if you could support your child at home. Some areas that you might wish to cover with them include: multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000; calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and both long and short division; comparing and ordering decimals; rounding whole numbers and decimals; and calculations involving decimals. Mathematics is a fantastic tool to help with revision and here are some websites that you might find useful:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<https://www.maths4everyone.com/resources/sats-questions-by-topic.html>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/maths/maths.htm>

Once the SATs are over, the children will extend their maths knowledge by completing fun and challenging open-ended investigations.

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 also be learning about the wonderful world of Greek Gods 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; you might wish to visit the museum with your child during the next few months.

Trips and events: The summer term always brings us many exciting events, including our Year 6 residential camping trip to Cuffley— Wednesday 28th June to Friday 30th June. Those children who are not joining us camping can look forward to lots of fun, creative activities during that week. We also have all of the end of year events to look forward to such as the Year 6 production, the leavers' celebration and the leavers' assembly (which always brings out a tear or two from both staff and parents). Additionally, the whole school is looking forward to cheering on their teams at Sports' Day and the Croydon Sports Athletics Competition.

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.