



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2019

**W**elcome back. We hope that you have had a fantastic break and everyone is refreshed and ready for the last term in Year 3. This is the children's last term to learn lots of exciting new things as well as to consolidate what they have already been taught. 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 term, we will be reading a number of different books in class. 'Mouse Bird Snake Wolf' is a fictional story about how the Gods made everything in the world ... until some curious children decide to be creative too and intervene. We will be exploring the magical world of 'Leon and the Place Between' as well as 'Edward Tulane' - a rabbit who goes on wonderful adventures and learns All about the world and a lot about himself too. The children will be able to access reading above the expected level for their age group with a copy of the text in front of them for support and will write in a variety of styles. We will end the year by planning and writing a 'How to survive Year 3' guide to give to the upcoming Year 2 children.

**Maths:** In our maths lessons this term, the children will be focusing on telling the time using the 12-hour and 24-hour clock, perimeter and shape. We will also be continuing to learn our 3x, 4x and 8x multiplication facts. Children will then have the opportunity to revisit any areas of the curriculum taught this year where they have been stuck or want to have another go. We will be ending the year by using our measuring knowledge in our 'Great Pegasus Bake Off.'

**Science:** Our science topics are 'Plants' and 'Light and Shadows' this term. We will be learning what a plant is made up of, how it gets its energy and how it disperses seeds. The children will have the hands-on opportunity to watch plants grow and physically interact with them. After half term, we will be learning all about light and shadows. We will discover how we see light, why it is important to us and how shadows are formed.

**Thematic:** Children will continue to learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in our topic called 'Like a Rolling Stone'. In history, we will study what it was like in the past and how it compares to today. In geography, we will be looking at the changes to land and civilisation over time. In art, children will replicate cave painting art as well as creating their own Stonehenge silhouettes. In DT, children will have the opportunity to build a Stonehenge model as well as Stone Age weapons. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are the British Museum in London, Butser Ancient Farm in Waterlooville or Stonehenge in Salisbury.

**Trips and events:** The summer term always offers plenty of events and this year is no different. We will be visiting the UNESCO World Heritage site Kew Gardens. We will learn about the amazing power of plants and fungi by visiting the world-leading botanic gardens which is home to over 50,000 living plants. The children will be able to see nature up close in the famous gardens that links well to our Science topics 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Plants'. We also have the excitement of Sports Day and athletics at Croydon Sports to look forward to in June as well as many other fun activities yet to be finalised.

**What you can do to help:** Please make sure that your child reads every night and 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 and can be found on the Pegasus Website under Key Information — Curriculum and Assessment — Spelling and Grammar.
- Times Table Rock Stars is our new platform for children to develop their rapid recall of multiplication facts, 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.

Mr G Powell/Mrs A Milner (Year 3 Team Leader) and the Year 3 Team

**Don't forget to check the website at: [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)**

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

Thurs 23rd May	Polling Day - School closed for children
Wed 12th June	Year 3 &4 Sports Day (Shetland, New Forest and Exmoor classes)
Re-arranged dates WB 24th June	Croydon Sports Athletics competition at Croydon Arena, South Norwood
Fri 28th June	Brigstock Sports Day (Elm class)
Mon 8th July	Shetland class Science trip to Kew Gardens in London
Wed 10th July	New Forest and Exmoor classes Science trip to Kew Gardens in London
Thurs 11th July	Elm class Science trip to Kew Gardens in London

**Ecclesbourne Primary School**

Thurs 23rd May	Polling Day - School closed for children
Wed 12th June	KS2 Sports Day
Re-arranged dates WB 24th June	Croydon Sports Athletics competition at Croydon Arena, South Norwood
Thurs 11th July	Asteroids and Meteors classes Science trip to Kew Gardens in London

**Cypress Junior School**

Fri 10th May	Holly class assembly
Wed 3rd July	Year 3/4 Sports Day - PM
Re-arranged dates WB 24th June	Croydon Sports Athletics competition at Croydon Arena, South Norwood
Mon 8th July	Holly and Cedar classes Science trip to Kew Gardens in London
Wed 10th July	Birch class Science trip to Kew Gardens in London