



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Little Cypress Newsletter: Summer 2022



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back! We are all looking forward to a very successful and busy Summer Term ahead. We will be preparing our Nursery children for the exciting transition to their reception classes in September and later in the term the children will have opportunities to visit their new classes with the familiar adults from nursery. We will also prepare our Rainbow children for the move in September to Nursery. What exciting times ahead! We hope we will have some lovely weather to enjoy our wonderful grounds here at Cypress.

Communication & Language; Literacy: We will be encouraging the children, as always, to express their needs and wants through speaking to adults and using their words. Please encourage your children to look at you when they are speaking and to model back to them correct spoken language. In their literacy work, the children will focus on writing for different purposes (e.g lists, labels); we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books, especially related to our 'Growing' theme: *Oliver's Vegetables* and *Oliver's Fruit Salad*, as well as our favourite traditional tales, such as *Jack and the Beanstalk* and stories and books about The Farm, Spring and Summer. We will be reading lots of books about Kings and Queens for the Jubilee.

Maths: The children will be practising counting in different ways. We will be working on counting up to 10 objects (and beyond), ensuring that we are touching each object as we count, consolidating 1:1 correspondence. Please help your child with counting everyday objects; how many plates do we need to set for dinner tonight? How many steps are there to get to the kitchen? We will working on continuing and creating repeating patterns in the environment. The children will be exploring the properties of water and sand and using vocabulary related to capacity such as full, half-full and empty. We will be talking about size and ordering objects accordingly. We will be measuring different objects around Little Cypress using non-standard measures and introducing vocabulary associated with measurements such as longer, shorter, wider and narrower.

Understanding the World: The children will be learning all about healthy eating and especially the different food groups which help our bodies to grow strong and healthy. We will be learning about how plants, animals and humans grow and we will be planting beans and a cress mountain. We will be learning all about farm animals and life on a farm. We will be making some healthy food, such as vegetable soup and bread. We will be learning all about the Royal Family and especially Queen Elizabeth II as part of the Jubilee.

Expressive Arts and Design: In expressive arts and design, the children in Little Cypress will continue to use our self-selection DT area and painting easels. We will do a variety of other art work including printing using different objects such as vegetables, as well as doing close observational drawings. We will experiment with using different musical instruments, as well as singing familiar songs and nursery rhymes and learning some new songs as well! We will be enjoying many role-play opportunities, including: a beauty salon, petrol station and car wash, a shop and a café!

Physical Development: We have free-flow access to our outside areas during the day, so please ensure that your child comes dressed in the appropriate clothing and is prepared for all weathers! This will include sun-screen and hats for the warm days ahead, as well as sending in a filled water bottle every day. The children will be enjoying our wonderful Adventure Playground and front grassed area in Little Cypress, as well as visiting Forest School. We will be working on developing both our gross and fine motor skills through a variety of large and small scale physical activity including climbing, jumping, running, hopping, skipping, as well as playing with playdough, plasticine, threading items, picking up small objects with tweezers, cutting, holding a pencil in the correct 'tripod' grip and so on. We will working with our youngest children to support their toileting and self-care skills.

Events:

Jubilee picnic on the field: Friday 13th May from 11.15am

Sports Day (Gold and Silver Classes): Friday 8th July (more details to follow)

End of Year Fashion Show (Rainbows, Gold and Silver Classes): Wednesday 20th July

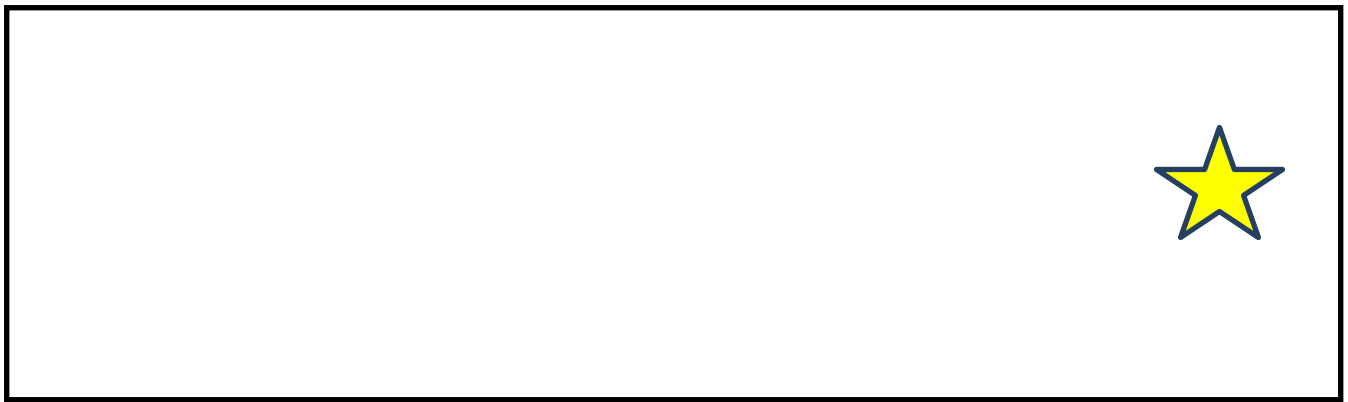
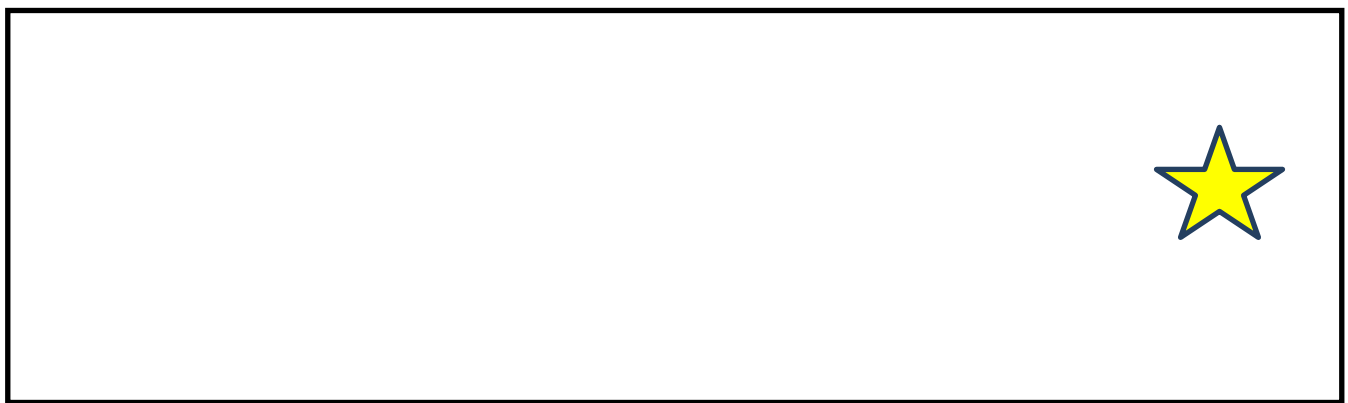
WOW moments: Our WOW boards would love an update! Please help us by keeping your child's WOW moments comments coming in. We love to read them and celebrate your child's achievements. These 'Wow Moments' can tell us about anything of interest that you would like to share with us. For example, the first time they dress and undress themselves independently, how they built a tall Lego tower, and many more besides! Please ask the staff for some WOW stars to record these important milestones.

Miss Chapman and the Little Cypress Team

Don't forget to check the website for our weekly news stories and dates:

www.pegasusacademytrust.org

WOW Moments Template
(Please cut into individual slips)

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