



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Little Cypress Newsletter: Summer 2024

**W**elcome 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 discuss how we grow and change and that change can be exciting. 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.

**Maths:** The children will be practising counting in different ways. We will be working on counting up to 5 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 be 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, sunflowers 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.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** In expressive arts and design, the children in Little Cypress will continue to use our self-selection DT modelling 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 be working with our youngest children to support their toileting and self-care skills.

### **Events:**

**End of Year Superhero Fashion Show:** Details to follow!

**WOW moments:** Our WOW boards would love an update! Please help us by keeping your child's WOW moments comments coming in. You should find some attached to this newsletter. 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 at: [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)**

**WOW Moments Template**  
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