



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Nursery Newsletter: Summer 1, 2026

Welcome back for another exciting half term; we have loved hearing about what the children have been up to over the Easter break! As we enter the summer, we are hoping for some lovely weather to enjoy our outside area. Our topic this half term is **'The Wheels On The Bus,'** where the children will focus on different types of transport and travelling. This topic includes stories, poems and some great sing-along songs!

Communication & Language: Over the next half term, we will be focussing on recalling the main events in known stories. When recalling these, we will work on using full sentences and encourage the children to retell stories to each other. Using actions will support children in their recall of the story and children will use actions to perform the stories to each other. In the classroom, there will be lots of small worlds set up to show a variety of modes of transport including trains, buses, cars and boats. The children can use these to retell the stories they have heard and create their own journeys using language they have learnt. We will encourage the children to draw maps of different areas and explain what the map shows.

Personal, Social and Emotional: As we enter the final full term before the children move up to reception, we will be encouraging them to resolve their own conflicts and disagreements. We will be working on how to communicate with others if they are upset and how to resolve issues before getting a grown up. During the day, we will be looking for children that are able to share effectively and communicate their needs to those around them.

Physical Development: This half term, we will continue to work with the children on improving their pencil grip. They will begin copying parts of their name and will have lots of opportunities in the classroom to practise letter formation. We will do this through fine motor activities each day involving play dough, tweezers, threading and pegs. In gross motor, we will continue to look at ball skills but also explore different ways of moving. Using our different modes of transport, we will think about how they would move and set up tracks/maps for the children to navigate.

Literacy: This half term, we will be looking transport related texts including 'The Big Red Bus' and 'The Train Ride'. With each text, we will focus on new vocabulary, encourage discussions and support the children in answering questions related to the story. Children will be engaging in lots of activities to fully immerse them in each text. We will be building on the children's sound awareness and continue to introduce a sound each week. We focus on the identification of this sound at the beginning of words but not the recognition of the grapheme itself. We will set up lots of activities in our provision to encourage sound awareness and identification as well as oral blending. The sounds we will be looking at this term are f, l, j and v.

Mathematics: In maths this half term, we will be covering a variety of topics. We will expand the children's knowledge of numbers to 5 working on formation, problem solving and subitising. Subitising is the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count. Within shape, we will recap 2D shapes and begin to introduce the concept of 3D shapes and how the two are different. We will also be looking at positional language with the children and use this when setting up small worlds and through their play in the outside area.

Understanding the World: When looking at different modes of transport, we will also look at different occupations that operate the transport. This could include train drivers, farmers, astronauts, bus drivers etc. We will talk about what their job involves and how many of them help us in our day to day lives. Through this, we will also touch on other occupations that use transport to support their work such as police officers and paramedics.

Expressive Arts and Design: When looking at transport this half term, we will be focussing on building different modes of transport using our junk modelling resources. We will work with the children to think about the size of boxes they are using, how we can represent the different moving parts and how we can attach each part together in the most effective way. We are sure you are going to love some of our creations!

The Nursery Team

Don't forget to check the website at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Dates for your diary	
29 th April, 6 th , 13 th and 20 th May	Forest School