



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 4 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2026

We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas and look forward to having a wonderful 2026 working together. 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 further information with you, we will use Study Bugs so please make sure you download the app. If this is not possible, please ensure we have an up to date email.

English: We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. We will be reading the fictional text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and a non-fiction book 'Can we Save the Tiger?' by Martin Jenkins. These texts will inspire the children to write eye-witness accounts and they will also be writing their own persuasive campaign pieces. They will be practising and further developing their writing skills including understanding main and subordinate clauses, using powerful verbs to engage the reader and using commas to mark clauses. In our whole-class reading sessions, we will be reading about volcanoes before moving on to read some poetry by Joseph Coelho. We will finish the term by reading a range of traditional and alternative fairy tales in preparation for our summer term writing unit.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, we will continue looking at multiplication and will introduce the children to the expanded column method in accordance with the Pegasus calculation policy (supporting videos can be found on the trust website here: <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/curriculum/mathematics/calculation-videos>). We will then explore how to measure length in metres and kilometres and learn how to calculate perimeter of rectilinear shapes, either by counting squares or measuring and multiplying sides. We will then learn about fractions, including equivalence and addition and subtraction. Finally, children will be able to make a link between fractions and decimals when they are introduced to hundredths and tenths. Decimals will also be taught in the context of measures, such as money. As always, we will be seeking to deepen the children's understanding of these concepts through reasoning and problem solving. We will also be focusing on recall of times tables facts up to 12 x 12 in preparation for the 'Multiplication Tables Check' in June.

Science: Our science topics are 'Sound' and 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In our topic on Sound, we will learn how sound is caused by vibrations, how we hear sounds and how things like pitch and loudness can affect sounds. In Living Things and their Habitats, we will be studying life processes, habitats, how animals adapt to their surroundings and how humans are impacting on this.

Thematic: Until half term, we will be continuing with our 'When in Rome' theme. In history, we will be learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the tragic destruction of Pompeii. The children will have a chance to design and create their own Roman mosaic and also a Roman purse from felt. In history, we will plot key events from the Roman period in chronological order.

After half term, we will start our new topic 'Invaders and Settlers.' This will include an introduction to the topic, looking at who invaded Britain after the Romans left and who the Angles, Saxons and Jutes were.

Trips: To help us learn about volcanoes we will visit the Natural History Museum in London where we will attend a show.

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!

Spelling words, taken from our weekly spelling sessions, are available on Spelling Shed.

Times tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, in mixed order, and know the corresponding division facts. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables to 12 x 12.

'Mathletics' and Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) are our online maths homework platforms. 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 and consolidating learning from class. Children can also access the Multiplication app on Purple Mash which is in a similar format to the online Multiplication Tables Check in June.

The Year 4 Team

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

Dates for your diary:

Atwood Primary School

Half term break 16th February—20th February

Children return Monday 23rd February

Every Wednesday & Thursday

Indigo P.E sessions

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Amber P.E. sessions

Friday 6th February

Museum day

2nd—6th March

Book Week

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Monday 9th March & Wednesday 11th March

Parents' Evening