



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring 2026

Happy New Year! This newsletter will help to keep you informed about what we will be learning this term. If we need to share further information with you, we will use Study Bugs. Please make sure you download the app.

English: In whole class reading, we will read: *Oranges in No Man's Land*, by Elizabeth Laird, *Street Child*, by Berlie Doherty and a range of articles about deforestation. In English lessons, we have a cross curricular topic, linked to thematic work, and will learn about rainforests and deforestation. This knowledge will be used to write a non-chronological report about the Amazon Rainforest. We then write a persuasive letter to King Charles, stating reasons why he should encourage others to do more to protect rainforests. Using 'The Highwayman,' by Alfred Noyes, for inspiration, we will write a descriptive narrative with dialogue to advance the plot. To end the term, we will create performance poetry, based on 'The Jabberwocky,' by Lewis Carroll.

Maths: We will secure understanding of the written methods for all four operations. We will explore word problems, missing digit calculations, investigate always, sometimes, never statements and look at ways to spot errors in calculations. In measurement, we will calculate and identify the perimeter and area of shapes. Next, we will identify equivalent fractions, compare and order fractions, add, subtract and multiply fractions and to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. We will also write percentages as fractions. Please use the Pegasus website, scroll down the main page, and you will find a link to all calculation videos- this is an excellent resource to refer to.

Science: Our first topic is Living Things and their Habitats. We will explore the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will then learn about 'Earth and Space', exploring the planets in the solar system as well as scientific theories and key concepts of orbital cycles. We will look at why we have night and day and the phases of the Moon.

Thematic: Our continuing theme for the first part of the term will be The Vikings are Coming! In the latter part of this term, our theme is Crime and Punishment. In history, we will be learning about the types of crimes that were committed during different historical ages and how they were perceived by the law at that time. In geography, we will study Australia and look at the physical and human features, the movement of people and transportation. In Art, children will create their own 'street art' and Aboriginal dot art.

Trips and events: We are looking forward to our days at Whitgift School, where the children will enjoy lessons in science, computing and languages. Our residential, with a range of outdoor activities, will be to Carrotty Wood.

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 have read, 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! Times tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, 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.

The Year 5 Team

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

26 th -29 th January	Whitgift Week
Thursday 5 th March	Book Day
16 th -18 th March	Carrotty Wood