



**The Pegasus Academy Trust**  
**Year 6 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:** This half term, the children will be studying the 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick. We have begun learning about the ownership debate surrounding the Rosetta Stone, which features in the book, and writing persuasive letters asking for the Rosetta Stone to be returned. Following that, the children will write engaging narratives where they will continue the story at a dramatic moment, using both direct and reported speech. They will develop characterisation by giving clues about their characters' personalities and create detailed descriptions. Next, the children will study 'Macbeth,' by William Shakespeare; learning about one of the most significant writers in history whilst also retelling some of the iconic events and ideas from the play. Much of the focus is now on building a portfolio of writing for the children so that they can demonstrate all the necessary writing skills required to meet the end of Year 6 expected standard.

**Maths:** In arithmetic this term, we will be developing the children's ability to use their knowledge of number effectively and efficiently with a focus on calculations involving decimals, fractions and percentages and algebra. In our maths mastery learning, we will learn about angles in triangles and quadrilaterals as well as finding unknown angles. This will involve using their knowledge of shape to solve word problems. We will then study circles and we will learn the different technical names for parts of the circle.

**Science:** We will be studying 'Living things and their habitats'. This includes the study of microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi, where we will carry out experiments to prove their existence as living things. Further to that, the children will use classification keys to identify different types of the same species. Next, we will learn about 'Electricity'. Here we will use and names of the component parts of circuits as well as learning how to construct electrical circuits using cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

**Thematic:** We will complete our 'Walk Like an Egyptian' theme before starting 'Greece is the Word'. To finish our learning about Ancient Egypt, the children will be putting their Art & DT skills to use to recreate a death mask, inspired by Tutankhamun. After the break, we will be drawing using one-point perspective and varying texture and tone. We will also be looking at Greek myths and key historical events, such as the battle of Marathon.

**Trips and events:** Year 6 are performing at the O2 in 'Young Voices.' Please support your child to practise by logging on to the website signposted on Google classroom. At the British Museum, we will see the Rosetta Stone and mummification artefacts. We will be able to view Ancient Greek objects ahead of our new topic. We have been invited to watch Riddlesdown Collegiate perform 'The Addams Family' and have a Shakespeare workshop at school.

**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, 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 6 Team**  
**Don't forget to check the website at: [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)**

## **Atwood Primary School**

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	British Museum
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Museum Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Trip to Riddlesdown to watch 'The Addams Family'
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Young Voices
Thursday 27th February	Shakespeare Workshop (TBC)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Museum Day