



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Newsletter: Summer 2025

**W**elcome back after the Easter break. We hope you had a lovely time and look forward to having a wonderful term working together. Our topic this term is 'Africa'. This newsletter will help to keep you informed about what your children will be learning this term. If we need to share information with you we will use our new 'Studybugs' system, so please download the App and keep checking this or your emails. Important dates can be found easily by going to our website and clicking the events section.

**English:** In literacy this term, we will be exploring a range of stories including the brilliant 'Tinga Tinga Tales' and 'Awongaleema—the magic tree'. We will learn lots of facts about lions and use these to write an information leaflet. We will also use the story of 'Mama Panya's Pancakes' to explore recipes. Throughout this term there will be a focus on the children writing grammatically correct sentences, using correct word endings and adding interesting detail. We will be focusing on spelling the Year 1 word list correctly and using our phonics to decode any unfamiliar words.

**Maths:** In maths this term, we will continue to develop the children's confidence in using numbers up to and over 100. This includes being able to read, write and order them. The children will be learning about place value – how many tens and ones there are in a number. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will learn about halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. We will have a focus on solving problems involving multiplication and division. We will also be learning about the values of coins and notes.

**Science:** In science this term, we will learn about the main features of different animals, such as mammals, birds or fish. In the second half of the summer term the children will be learning about plants. We will be looking at different plants such as flowers and trees, identifying their features and representing them.

**Thematic:** Our thematic topic is 'Africa'. We will be looking at maps of Africa and using geographical language to discuss different landscapes such as towns and the savannah. We will be looking at some of the history of Africa and using different techniques in art and design to make African paintings and items such as masks. **If anyone has any items at home they would be willing to show to the children, any photos and stories from Africa, or knows any African songs, rhymes or games please let us know. We would love for our families to be involved in this topic.**

**Trips and events:** The children will be visiting the Horniman Museum where they will explore African artefacts and take part in a workshop handling artefacts.

**What you can do to help:** The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them as often as possible. It is essential that you listen to them read aloud and also that you read to them so they are exposed to a range of different texts. Ask your child lots of questions to help develop their understanding of what they have read. Please try and write in your child's reading diary to keep us informed of their reading at home. Encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons, such as creating shopping lists and invitations, or writing their own stories. We would love the children to share any writing they do at home with the class so we can celebrate it. We teach phonics using 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' and they have a huge range of fantastic resources for parents which you can find here: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>. In maths, continue to reinforce all number bonds up to 20 as this will help them with addition and subtraction. Count forwards and backwards up to and over 100. Show your child how and why maths is important in everyday life and ask them to help you solve mathematical problems you come across, including using money and finding totals.

**The Year 1 Team**

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

**Please see important dates on the reverse of this letter.**

**Upcoming dates for your diary**

**Cypress Primary School**

Tuesday 29th April	Class Photographs
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	Last day of half term
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Week beginning Monday 9th June	Yr1 Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 11th June	PAT poetry competition
Tuesday 1st July	Green and Indigo classes visit to the Horniman Museum
Thursday 3rd July	Blue class visit to the Horniman Museum
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Cypress Lower School Sports Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports sent home
Friday 18th July	Last day of term

**Remember to check the school website for news and dates!**

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