



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2023

We hope that you have had a fantastic Easter break and we look forward to having a wonderful summer term. 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 information with you, we will use the 'text to parents' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for you. Important dates and P.E. days are to be found on the reverse of this letter so we recommend you stick it on your fridge. Important dates can also be found easily by going to www.pegasusacademytrust.org and clicking on the 'Events' tab at the top of the page.

English: This term, we will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and listening skills. 'DK Find Out about The Stone Age' will be used to support children's understanding of The Stone Age from which they will be creating a non-chronological report and a fun tv report in the style of the Horrible Histories series. To support this learning, we will be visited by cavepeople who will stay on Whitehorse Manor Junior site. The children will visit their Stone Age dwelling for an immersive experience into the world of Stone Age people. We will then go on to explore the magical world of 'Leon and the Place Between' as well as 'Edward Tulane' - a heart-warming tale about a rabbit who goes on wonderful adventures and learns all about the world. The children will be able to access reading above the expected level for their age group with a copy of the text in front of them for support and will write in a variety of styles which continue to develop the use of descriptive language, use of a wider range of punctuation and grammar and spelling patterns.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, children will be learning to tell the time to the nearest minute using the 12-hour and 24-hour clock as well as learning how to measure different durations of time using seconds. We will then be exploring measure relating to length, mass and capacity. We will complete our maths learning this year by studying and comparing different types of angles. We will also examine 2D and 3D shape including symmetry. Through this learning, we will be seeking to deepen the children's understanding of these concepts enabling them to approach reasoning and problem solving questions with confidence. We will also be continuing to learn our 3x, 4x and 8x multiplication facts, so please encourage your child to embed these skills using Times Tables Rockstars or other times table games.

Science: Our science topics for this term are 'Light' and 'Plants'. During our study of light, we will be looking at sources of light and studying the reflective property of materials. When we study plants, we will be looking at the structures of plants and the names and functions of their different parts. We will also look at the processes of pollination and photosynthesis and how they are key to a plant's survival. The children will also be learning how to work as scientists undertaking investigations, which will consolidate this learning.

Thematic: This term our theme is: Like a Rolling Stone. In history, we will be learning about Prehistoric Britain and the changes that occurred from the Stone age to the Iron age. In geography, we will learn about physical and human changes to the landscape. In Art, children will learn about when and how humans started to create art, using pottery and caves as their canvas. In Design and Technology, children will have the opportunity to design, plan and create their own stone tools. Places of interest linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child, are the Museum of London or Caesar's Camp, Wimbledon.

Trips and events: We are hoping to have two exciting trips this term. Firstly, we will be visiting a local library, giving the children the opportunity to explore this wonderful community resource. We are also hoping to visit a Buddhist temple as part of our Buddhism topic in RE lessons.

P.E: The P.E. kit is a plain white T-shirt with plain, black shorts for Ecclesbourne and Whitehorse Manor Junior children. For Cypress children the shorts are red. Please see the back of this newsletter for a reminder of the days of P.E for your class. In addition to this, children should wear trainers or plimsolls with school uniform (not P.E. kit) on days when they have P.E. for enrichment. Class teachers will inform pupils when it is their P.E. enrichment day. Children at Ecclesbourne should bring their P.E. kit in on a Monday and store it in their locker until Friday. This will ensure they always have it in school if it is needed.

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! Lists of spelling words for each year group are available and children are expected to know these by the end of the year. 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 and 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. Additionally, helping your children to complete their thematic homework is a wonderful way of spending time with your child whilst supporting their learning.

The Year 3 Team

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

Dates for your diary

Whitehorse Manor Junior main site PE days

Shetland	Thursday
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New Forest	Thursday
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Exmoor	Tuesday
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Whitehorse Manor Brigstock site PE days

Elm	Wednesday
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Ecclesbourne Primary School PE days

Meteors	Wednesday and Thursday
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Asteroids	Monday and Thursday
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Cypress Primary School PE days

Birch	Thursday
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Holly	Wednesday
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Cedar	Wednesday and Friday
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Please note that there will be strikes on the following days so your child's class may be closed:

Thursday 27th April

Tuesday 2nd May