



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 4 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2025

Welcome to Year 4. We hope that you have had a restful summer holiday and we are now looking forward to a wonderful year 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 and Google Classroom so please make sure you download the apps. If this is not possible, please ensure we have an up to date email. Something to keep in mind this year is the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term. Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables with quick recall by the end of year.

English: We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. We will be reading a number of fictional texts such as *Race to the Frozen North* by Catherine Johnson, *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and *Winter's Child* by Angela McAllister. We will read and perform nonsense poems by Spike Milligan and Edward Lear and study texts about Boudicca and Romulus and Remus that link to our thematic topic 'When in Rome'. These texts will inspire the children and enable them to write stories, speeches, letters and diaries. They will be practising and developing their writing skills including the use of descriptive language, varying sentence openers and punctuation including inverted commas for speech. We will also be focusing on spelling and building on learning from Year 3 to further our understanding of spelling and phonics. In line with the school handwriting policy (<http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/curriculum/writing-and-handwriting/handwriting>), we will be teaching weekly handwriting lessons with the aim of all students developing a joined and fluent style.

Maths: In maths this term, our focus will be place value. This will involve recognising the place value of numbers with up to 4-digits, ordering them and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will also learn about negative numbers and how to use Roman Numerals up to 100. We will develop our understanding of column methods for addition and subtraction and learn about length and perimeter. Videos to support methods taught in class can be found on the school website <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/curriculum/mathematics/calculation-videos>. For each unit we cover, we will help the children apply their new maths learning to investigations and mathematical problems, developing a deep understanding of these skills. We will use talk partners and collaborative tasks to develop children's understanding of mathematical vocabulary and to encourage them to verbalise their thinking. By the end of year 4, children need to recall all the times-table facts up to 12x12. To support this at home, children can access Times Tables Rockstars and also Purple Mash which are online resources. We will also continue to learn how to tell the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock.

Science: Our science topics are States of Matter and Electricity. In States of Matter, we will study the differences between solids, liquids and gases, investigate the different states of water and learn about the water cycle. In our topic on Electricity, we will find out all about circuits, switches, conduction and the many uses of electricity. We will also attempt to make our own circuits linked to our reading of *The Barnabus Project*.

Thematic: This term our theme is: When in Rome. In history, we will learn about the Roman invasion of Britain, Boudicca and the Celts. We will discover how Roman inventions and innovations are still in use today. In geography, we will learn how the Roman Empire spread, about Roman society and will compare Celtic Britain to Rome. In art, children will design a Roman shield and study mosaics. In DT, we will create replica Roman purses. A place of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child is Richborough Roman Fort in Kent. You could also check out what London has to offer in terms of Roman history using this website: <https://www.mummytravels.com/best-roman-sites-in-london/>

Trips and events: This term, we will have the opportunity to take part in a workshop all about the Romans. A fabulous travelling workshop company will be coming into school to provide us with a fun-packed day full of Roman facts, drama and artefacts. Dates to be confirmed.

What you can do to help: Please make sure that your child reads every night and could you kindly 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. 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. As previously mentioned, by the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables to 12 x 12. All children have a multiplication grid in their reading diary and should be familiar with how to use this. The also have logins and access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Purple Mash. 'Mathletics' is our on-line maths homework and children should aim to earn 1000 points (a bronze certificate) each week but are welcome to earn more! 'Live' Mathletics is particularly good for developing mental maths skills and fluency.

On PE days, children should come to school dressed in the Atwood PE t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers. In colder weather, children can wear black or navy blue jogging bottoms and either an Atwood PE jumper or their school jumper.

Many thanks for your support.

The Year 4 Team

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

Dates for your diary:
Half term break 24th October— 3rd November
Children return on Tuesday 4th November

Atwood Primary School

Tuesday 23rd September 3.30pm	Multiplication Check Meeting in Amber Class
TBC	Roman workshop
Tuesday and Thursday	Amber Class PE day
Wednesday and Thursday	Indigo Class PE day
Tuesday 14th October	Individual and Sibling photos
Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th October	Parents' Evening