



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 4 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2026

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 so please make sure you download the app. 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, we will be looking at time and place value. To help, please encourage your child to identify the hands on an analogue clock and recap fifteen, thirty and forty-five minutes past the hour. In place value, children will learn to recognise 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.

Science: Our science topics are Animals including Humans and Electricity. In Animals including Humans, we will learn about teeth and the digestive system in humans and some animals before moving on to food webs including predators, producers and prey. In our topic on Electricity, we will find out all about circuits, switches, conduction and the many uses of electricity. We will also make links to DT and 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. A place of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child is Richborough Roman Fort in Kent.

PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (RSE): Children will learn about keeping safe in the local area and online. They will learn about balanced lifestyles and making healthy choices. In RSE, children will learn how their body will change as they approach and move through puberty and they will be able to recognise changes to their own bodies and emotional changes they may experience during puberty.

Trips and events: This term, we will take a walking tour in London to visit some of the Roman ruins as well as visit the remains of a Mithraeum. We will also have a Roman day in school where children have the opportunity to take part in a workshop and explore what life was like in Roman Britain.

What you can do to help?: Please make sure that your child reads every night and please 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 in the reading diary 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. 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. They also have logins and access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Purple Mash. '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! 'Live' Mathletics is particularly good for developing mental maths skills and fluency.

On PE days, your child should come to school in their PE kit. Please ensure they have a jumper and jogging bottoms for the colder weather.

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 23rd October— 2nd November
Children return on Tuesday 3rd November

Atwood Primary School

22.9.26 Indigo Class
25.9.26 Amber Class

London Mithraeum and Roman ruins trip

5 and 7.10.26

Parents' Evening

20.11.26

Roman workshop (in school)

1.10.26

Multiplication Check Meeting

Wednesday and Thursday

PE days for Indigo Class

Tuesday and Thursday

PE days for Amber Class