



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 3 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2021

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.

English: This term, we will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and listening skills. 'Mouse Bird Snake Wolf' is a fictional story about how the Gods made everything in the world, until some curious children decide to be creative too and intervene. We will be exploring the magical world of 'Leon and the Place Between' as well as 'Edward Tulane' - about a rabbit who goes on wonderful adventures and learns all about the world and a lot about himself too. 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. We will end the year by planning and writing a 'How to survive Year 3' guide to give to the upcoming Year 2 children. These writing opportunities will include the use of descriptive language, instructional language, use of a wider range of punctuation and grammar and spelling patterns.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, children will be telling the time to the nearest minute using the 12-hour and 24-hour clock, comparing different types of angles, and examining 2D and 3D shape including symmetry. We will be seeking to deepen the children's understanding of these concepts through reasoning and problem solving. 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. Children will then have the opportunity to revisit any areas of the curriculum taught this year where they have been stuck or want to have another go at. We will be ending the year by using our measuring knowledge in our 'Great Pegasus Bake Off.'

Science: Our science topic for this term is 'Plants'. During our study of 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 Pre-historic 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. Please remember to check government guideline before you plan any trips.

Trips and events: Due to the continued easing of lockdown, we are hopeful that we will be able to provide a trip for the second part of the summer term. This will either be a local trip or using a coach if necessary. We will keep you informed as new information becomes available.

P.E: Until further notice, children will continue to come to school wearing their P.E. kits on the day that their class has P.E. The P.E. kit is a plain white T-shirt with plain, red shorts and grey tracksuit bottoms. Children can wear their school sweatshirt and trainers or plimsolls. The children will stay in their kit for the whole day. 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.

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 will be introduced soon. 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 Class Tuesday

New Forest Tuesday

Exmoor Thursday

Whitehorse Manor Brigstock site PE days

Elm Monday

Trainers should be worn on Tuesdays due to enrichment

Ecclesbourne Primary School PE days

Meteors Monday

Asteroids Monday

Cypress Primary School PE days

Birch Wednesday

Holly Thursday

Cedar Friday

Cypress Sports Day - Wednesday 23rd June