



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2023



WHITEHORSE MANOR
INFANT SCHOOL

Welcome to Year 1. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and look forward to having 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 information and letters with you, we will use the 'Studybugs' service, so please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile phone number for you. Important dates 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 'calendar' tab at the top of the page.

English: We will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. We will be reading a number of fictional texts such as 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram, 'I want my hat back' by John Klassen and 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy to help inspire our writing. We have a fantastic 'Moon Day' planned when the children blast off to space and meet an alien themselves! We will also be looking at information books to find out some facts about space travel. Our main focus will be to teach the children to write great sentences – making sure they make sense, start with a capital letter, end with a full stop, use finger spaces between words, clear handwriting and developing use of descriptive language.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on developing their number knowledge and confidence through such activities as recognising and ordering numbers, counting both forwards and backwards, number bonds (different ways to make 5,6,7,8,9, or 10) and 1 more or less than a given number. We will also focus on addition and subtraction strategies within 10.

Science: Our science topics are 'All About Me' and 'Seasonal Changes'. We will be naming and labelling parts of our bodies and exploring and investigating using our senses. We will learn about seasonal changes during autumn.

Thematic: This term our theme is 'Here we are'. The children will be looking at the local area and how it has changed over time. We will be looking at, creating and identifying key features on a map. During our trip to the library we will be recording features of the local area. The children will be creating portraits using a variety of materials. We will design and make a moon buggy using wheels and axles.

Trips and events: This half term we will be looking at buildings in our local area and visiting the local library. In the next half term we will be visiting the Science Museum to take part in some very exciting activities linked to our moon topic.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them daily. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag regularly. They will also be given fully decodable books to read over the week. 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. Please write in your child's reading diary on a daily basis to keep us informed of their reading at home, even if it is only your signature. Thematic homework will be sent home every term for the children to complete if they wish. Please encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons such as shopping lists and invitations. 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/>. There are a number of great websites that children can use to help develop their confidence in recognising sounds and words including www.phonicsplay.co.uk and 'alphablocks' on cbeebies. In maths, help your child to count forwards and backwards up to 100 and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Helping your child to know their number bonds up to 10 is also invaluable, such as 6+3, 7+2, 8+1 all total 9.

We will be sharing further information and resources about the Year 1 curriculum on Wednesday 27th September at 9:15am in the School Hall and hope to see many of you then.

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

The Year 1 Team

Dates for your diary

Whitehorse Manor Infants main site

	Jade Class PE sessions are Thursdays
	Green Class PE sessions are Wednesdays
	Yellow Class PE sessions are Wednesdays
Wednesday 27th September 9:15 am	Year 1 curriculum meeting for parents/carers
Monday 25th September	Jade Class Trip to Thornton Heath Library
Monday 25th September	Green Class Trip to Thornton Heath Library
Monday 2nd October	Yellow Class Trip to Thornton Heath Library
Tuesday 28th November	Jade Class Trip to the Science Museum
	Green Class Trip to the Science Museum
	Yellow Class Trip to the Science Museum

Whitehorse manor Infants Brigstock site

	Rowan Class PE sessions are Fridays
Wednesday 20th September 9 am	Year 1 curriculum meeting for parents/carers
Monday 2nd October	Rowan Class Trip to Thornton Heath Library
Friday 1st December	Rowan Class Trip to the Science Museum

Ecclesbourne Primary School

	Shooting Stars PE sessions are Fridays
	Astronauts PE sessions are Mondays
Wednesday 27th September 9:15am	Year 1 curriculum meeting for parents/carers
Monday 9th October	Shooting Stars and Astronauts Trip to Thornton Heath Library
Thursday 30th November	Shooting Stars and Astronauts Trip to the Science Museum