



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2019

Welcome to Year 2. 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 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: During the autumn term, 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 "The Lonely Beast" and "The Bear and the Piano" to inspire our story writing and love of reading. We will be reading the story "George's Marvellous Medicine" and making our very own marvellous medicines, we will then be writing instructions on how to make our medicines. We will also be researching and fact finding using a wide range of non-fiction books, making links with our learning about healthy living in science and looking closely at our history topic, which this term will be 'The Tudors'. We will use our discovered facts to write information booklets all about Henry VIII and understand how to organise our work under subtitles. Every week, the children will be learning about different aspects of spelling, grammar and punctuation and using this to improve their writing skills.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value (e.g. to know that the number 23 is made up of 2 digits that tell us how many tens and ones there are in the number and that $23 = 20 + 3$) as well as looking at different ways we can add and subtract numbers. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering that it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. Children will be working with money learning how to add together two totals, find different ways to make the same total and find the change. We will also work on telling the time to the nearest 15 minute intervals and it would be great if you could practise this at home with your child.

Science: Our science topic this term will be "Animals including humans" and we will be learning all about the human life cycle and what animals and humans need to survive. We will be studying the human body and naming key body parts, including different bones and joints. Children will be thinking about what makes 'healthy living' and will look at different food groups as well as making up their own healthy plates. We will be learning about how important exercise is to keeping healthy and different ways we can keep fit. Children will be learning about how exercise creates changes in our bodies. Lastly, children will be looking at the importance of hygiene and ways in which we can keep clean.

Thematic: Our topic this term is 'The Tudors' and the children will learn all about the reign of Henry VIII and how he ruled England 500 years ago. We will be bringing this topic alive by visiting Henry VIII's most famous palace, Hampton Court, and discovering the fate of his six wives. The children will draw and paint Tudor portraits of themselves as a Tudor monarch and will create and design their own Tudor roses or Tudor shield which they will later use to create a printing pattern. We will also be comparing King Henry VIII to our modern day monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

Trips and events: We will also be taking a trip to Hampton Court Palace to visit one of Henry VIII's most famous palaces. We are excited about the upcoming Macmillan Coffee Morning where we will enjoy taking part in a number of different fun activities.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them as often as possible. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag on a daily basis. 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 try and write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. There will be a chance for you to meet with your child's teacher this half term to talk through their next steps for learning. These will be taking place on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October from 3:30 to 6:30pm**. You will be able to sign up for a slot nearer to the time. We also look forward to seeing you for our year 2 curriculum meeting where we will also share information about the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) the children will be taking next May.

If you have any general concerns or questions in the meantime, please ask!

Mrs Sullivan —Year 2 Team Leader

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Please see important dates on the reverse of this letter.**

Dates for your diary	
	<u>Whitehorse Manor Infants School</u>
Wednesday 2nd October 9:15am	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October 3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents` Evening
Wednesday 20th November	Indigo and Purple Class trip to Hampton Court Palace
Thursday 21st November	Lilac Class trip to Hampton Court Palace
	<u>Brigstock</u>
Wednesday 2nd October 9:15am	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October 3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents` Evening
Thursday 21st November	Thematic trip to Hampton Court Palace
	<u>Ecclesbourne Primary School</u>
Wednesday 9th October 9:15am	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October 3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents` Evening
Thursday 14th November	Thematic Trip to Hampton Court Palace