



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2020

Welcome to Year 2. We hope that you have had a restful summer and look forward to having a wonderful year working together. We have been so excited to welcome the children back to school and have been pleased with how well the children have settled back into school life. 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.

PSHE: In the first few weeks back to school this term we will be working on the story "Here we are" by Oliver Jeffers. In this unit of work we will be helping the children re-adjust to being back to school; thinking about new routines and talking about any worries they may have. We will also be working on 'Building our Learning Power' starting with looking at the learning power – resilience. This will help ensure our children feel happy, safe and secure and are equipped with the skills to develop good learning behaviours.

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. The children will also be having daily phonics sessions in order to best prepare them for the Year 1 phonics test that they will be taking in the second half of the autumn term.

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 and explore the concepts of multiplication and division. 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 have allowed extra time for our maths units this term to ensure they children have time to consolidate their learning and embed the skills learnt.

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 finding out what Tudor life was like for the rich and poor, what kind of king Henry VIII was, we will be exploring one of his most famous homes— Hampton Court Palace, 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 have no trips planned for the autumn term. However we will be monitoring the ever changing situation and we hope to be able to plan trips for the spring and summer term.

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 books and will have access to a selection of books on Bug Club. 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. Please could you ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kits on PE days and plimsolls or trainers when they have sports for enrichment (signs will be placed on classroom doors to let you when this will be).

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

Mrs Sullivan —Year 2 Team Leader

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