



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2022



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope you had lovely Easter break. We are looking ahead to another very busy term and hopefully some nice summer weather. As you will know, May is a very important time of year in year two as the children will be sitting their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). Please ensure your child attends school every day and on time. It is essential that they do not miss any important learning or the start of any of the 'quizzes'. Later this term we are looking forward to several trips to tie in with our Science, History and Geography learning.

English: This term we will be reading stories such as 'Gregory Cool' (a story about a boy visiting Tobago), 'The Fox and The Star' by Coralie Bickford-Smith and 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We will also be learning and performing some poetry from the Caribbean. Using these texts as inspiration, we will write riddles, letters and fact files. Our first text back has been 'There's a Snake in my School' by David Walliams. We have enjoyed getting to know what Penelope the snake is like and have written our own adverts to stop the headmistress from leaving her in the bin! We are encouraging children to continually improve their work so it is interesting to the person who is reading it. Please support your child by continuing to read stories to them and listen to them read every day.

Maths: In maths we are consolidating our work in the four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and looking at word problems. Can your child understand the mathematical signs and tell you how to solve a problem? Try to put mathematical problems into real life situations to help your child visualise what the question is asking and then ask them which strategy they would use to help them solve it. We will be looking at the inverse and how we can use this to help us solve missing number problems. We will be looking at shape, statistics, position and direction. When working with shape, children will be looking for similarities and differences between shapes. In statistics, children will interpret and create tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. Keep practising how to tell the time on an analogue clock—especially times such as o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. During our learning about position and direction, we will focus on the specific vocabulary we need to use to accurately describe movement.

Science: Our science topics over the two half terms are 'Plants' and 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will be exploring how people, animals and plants are all living things and have similarities and differences. Included in this topic the children will be learning about the life cycles of different animals. In June, we will be receiving a special delivery of caterpillars and the children will be able to closely observe their lifecycle as they change from a caterpillar into a butterfly. When they are ready to fly we will set them free! We will be learning that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and be able to recognise how different habitats provide the basic needs for different kinds of animals and plants.

Thematic: Our thematic topic this term will be 'Oh I do like to be besides the seaside'. We will be learning about the features of a seaside and which features are natural and which are man-made. We will be researching and comparing seaside holidays from the past to the seaside holidays we might go on today. During this topic, we will be comparing what beaches were like in the past and today and we will be creating seaside landscapes. As part of our DT work, children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own puppets. Children will have many opportunities to develop their sewing skills before sewing their puppets together.

Events: We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term. In June we will visit Morden Hall Park where children will explore the habitats of a variety of invertebrates both on land and in water. In July we will be visiting the seaside at Broadstairs on the Kent coast. Children we get the chance to see some seaside features for themselves and play in the sand. This term each class will also be visiting Croydon Mosque and Islamic Centre to support our learning in RE. We will need parent helpers to accompany us on each of these trips so please let us know if you are available to come with us. Later in the term, children will also participate in sports' day and our Year 2 Leaver's Assembly.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by listening to them reading every day. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book and remember that books are also set on Collins eBooks. As mentioned above, it is essential that you listen to them read aloud and ask questions about the text. However, it is also important that you also read to them so they are exposed to a range of different texts. Please also encourage your child to log on to Bug Club and read the books that have been selected by their teacher and ensure that they answer the questions that can be found by clicking on the green bug. Remember to write in your child's reading diary daily in order to keep us informed of their reading at home. A break down of what we are learning this half term can be found on the school website. If you have any questions, please come and ask!

The Year 2 Team

Don't forget to check the website for our weekly news stories and dates:

www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Dates for your diary**Cypress Primary School**

Friday 13th May	Jubilee dress-up day
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term
Monday 6th June	Children return to school
Thursday 9th June	Violet and Turquoise trip to Morden Hall Park
Friday 10th June	Ruby Class trip to Morden Hall Park
Week beginning Monday 20th June	Science week - exciting workshops and activities arranged!
Friday 1st July	Year 2 Trip to Broadstairs Beach
Tuesday 12th July	Year 2 Disco
Friday 8th July	Lower School sports day (more details to follow)
Tuesday 12th July	PTFA Year 2 disco
Tuesday 19th July	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm
Thursday 21st July	Last day for pupils