



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2022



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Happy New Year! 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. Important dates can be found easily by going to our website and clicking the events section. You will be able to access all termly home learning and weekly homework in your child's class blog.

English: In our English work this term, we will be researching and fact finding using a wide range of non-fiction books, looking closely at our history topic, which this term will be 'The Great Fire of London'. We will then be writing exciting diaries in the style of an eye witness to the fire. We will be reading a number of Grimm's fairy tales and exploring the different features of a fairy tale such as the setting and characters. We will use these stories as inspiration to write our very own fairy tale with a twist. Later on this term we will be looking at the story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children will be busy building their own classroom 'Iron Man' and writing commands for him to follow. We have also been working hard to use noun phrases in all of our work (the *huge, metal* monster etc.). What exciting adjectives can you come up with at home? We are encouraging children to continually improve their work so it is interesting for the person who is reading it! Please support your child by continuing to read stories to them and listen to them read every day. Remember each child has access to Bug Club which has a great selection of online books

Maths: In our maths learning this term, we will continue our work on different ways we can add and subtract. We will be learning to use arrays and our number facts to help us with multiplication and division. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. Children will be working to solve word problems this term, please put maths problems into a real-life situation to help children understand which mathematical operation they are using. We will be learning about fractions and will be learning to recognise, name and write fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and will learn that they are part of a whole. We will be finding the fraction of numbers, shapes and length and will be looking at equivalent fractions too, for example $\frac{2}{4}$ is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Science: Our science topics this term are 'Materials' and 'Plants'. In our materials topic children will be looking at the properties of different materials and the reasons they are chosen to make different objects. The children will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed and identify the differences between types of plastic. Children will design their own waterproof jacket for Traction Man using the material they think will best protect him from the rain. In our plants topic children will be looking at the different things a plant needs to grow and survive. They will be planting their own daffodil bulbs and a selection of vegetables. They will watch them grow and record observations they make. The children will then have the chance to make a potato salad using ingredients they have grown.

Thematic: This term, our topic is 'Looking at London'. This topic will cover all of our work in art, design and technology, history and geography. In history, we will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London', when it happened and why and how it affected London. In geography, the children will look at where London is, learn about some of its significant landmarks and why it is an important city. In art, we will be making pictures of the fire and a silhouette of the London skyline. As part of DT, children will be researching Stuart style houses and the designing and making their own house using a slider to create moving flames. Places

Trips and events:

This term we will be taking a trip to London on the train to see some of the London landmarks for ourselves, including a visit to The Monument, which was built to commemorate where the fire started. We will also be visiting St-Dunstan-in-the-East and an amazing rooftop garden with spectacular views of London, called 'The Garden at 120'.

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 is expected to change their reading book on a daily basis. It is essential that you listen to them read aloud and also that you read to them using a range of different texts such as newspapers, recipes and magazines. Please encourage your child to log onto Collins eBooks and read the books that have been selected by their teacher. Please 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 term to talk through their next steps for learning. If you have any general concerns or questions in the meantime, please ask!

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