



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2023

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 tests. The tests will take place in the weeks beginning 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May. Later this term we are looking forward to some 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), 'Captain Sparklebeard' 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 stories, letters and information reports. Our first text back has been 'Rosie's Magic Horse' by Russell Hoban. Inspired by Stickerino from the story, we have loved making our own lollystick creatures which we have written our own adventure story for. We are looking forward to reading 'There's a Snake in my School' by David Walliams. Where we will get to know what Penelope the snake is like and write 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 measure, 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. In measure, children will practise reading scales and learn about the units used to measure temperature, mass, length and capacity. 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'. Children begun their learning about plants last term and have been planting their own seeds and investigating the conditions that plants need to grow successfully. We will be learning that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and we will learn to describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of 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, identifying which are human and which are physical. We will be learning about and comparing seaside holidays from the past to the seaside holidays we might go on now. We will be using watercolours to create seaside landscapes. As part of our DT work children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own puppet. Children will practise lots of sewing before using this new skill to help them sew their puppet 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. Later in the term we will be visiting the seaside at Broadstairs on the Kent coast. 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 class assemblies.

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 the shared 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 encourage your child to log onto Bug Club on a weekly basis and read the books that have been selected by their teacher. It is also important that they answer the questions found when clicking on the green bug. Please try and write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis 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!

Miss Rolfe—Year 2 Team Leader

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

Dates for your diary	
	<u>Whitehorse Manor Infants School</u>
Thursday 23rd June	Purple Class trip to Morden Hall Park
Tuesday 27th June	Indigo and Lilac Class trip to Morden Hall Park
Tuesday 11th July	Year 2 trip to Broadstairs Beach
Monday 17th July	Year 2 leavers' disco
Tuesday 18th July	Lilac class leavers' assembly
Wednesday 19th July	Purple class leavers' assembly
Thursday 20th July	Indigo class leavers' assembly
	<u>Brigstock</u>
Thursday 23rd June	Ash Class trip to Morden Hall Park
Tuesday 11th July	Year 2 trip to Broadstairs Beach
Tuesday 18th July	Ash class celebration assembly
Thursday 20th July	Year 2 leavers' disco
	<u>Ecclesbourne Primary School</u>
Tuesday 13th June	Year 2 trip to Broadstairs Beach
Friday 23rd June	Year 2 trip to Morden Hall Park