

#### Returning to School

Since welcoming the children back we have been working on:

- Re-adjusting to routines and expectations of being back at school;
- Developing resilience skills to help them deal effectively with challenges;
- Ensuring our children feel safe and secure;
- Teaching skills to ensure good learning skills are embedded;
- Encouraging independence;
- Ensuring time is given for revision of key skills before moving on.







#### Reading Assessment



- Think about what makes sense
- Vocabulary- children should be able to talk about the language used in the books they are reading or having read to them
- Predicting- children should be make sensible predictions about a book and about things that might happen next based on what they have read
- Comprehension- children should be able to talk about the story and answer questions based on what has happened and character's feelings and intentions
- Inference children should be able to infer meaning from pictures or what they have read



# Phonics Words you may hear your child use and what they mean! Phoneme – A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech and represents a single sound. For example the word 'hat' has three phonemes – 'h' 'a' and 't'. Digraph – A combination of two letters representing a single speech sound. For example the 'sh' in 'shape' or the 'ee' in 'tree'. Trigraph – A group of three letters representing a single speech sound. For example the 'igh' in 'light' or the 'ear' in 'near'. Split digraph – This is where another letter comes in between the two letters of the grapheme, changing the sound of the vowel. An example is 'a-e' which when used in such words as make or take; the k letter separates the digraph resulting in an 'ai' sound being formed.

Grapheme – A grapheme is a letter or a number of letters that represent a sound (phoneme) in a word. An example of a one letter grapheme is the 's' sound in sat is represented by the letter s, for a two letter grapheme the 'ee' sound in leaf is represented by the letters ea.

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 Children should be able to read all of the Year 2 common exception words

door	floor	poor	because	find	kind	mind
behind	child	children	wild	climb	most	only
both	old	gold	cold	hold	told	every
everybody	even	great	break	steak	pretty	beautiful
after	fast	last	past	father	class	grass
pass	plant	path	bath	hour	move	prove
improve	sure	sugar	eye	could	should	would
who	whole	any	many	clothes	busy	people
water	again	half	money	Mr	Mrs	parents









# + Writing Assessment

#### Working at the expected standard The pupil can, after discussion with the teacher

- write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional)
- write about real events, recording these simply and clearly
   demarcate most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops, and use
  question marks correctly when required
- use present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently
   use co-ordination (e.g. or / and / but) and some subordination (e.g. when / if / that / because to join clauses
- segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others
- spell many common exception words\*
   form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

#### Understanding GRAMMAR



- Use subordination (when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (or, and, but)
- Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the beautiful, blue butterfly or a pretty, pink flower]
- Learn how to use the 4 main sentence types statements, questions, exclamations and commands
- Use the past and present tense correctly and consistently in their writing. Use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting]



- Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less (e.g. pain - painful, power - powerless)
- Use of the suffixes -er, -est in adjectives to make comparisons (e.g. big - bigger, small - smallest)
- Use of -ly in standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs (e.g. dangerous – dangerously, beautifull - beautifully)







### • Maths Mastery

- Children in year 2 will be continuing with the math mastery approaching to learning as they have done since reception
- This involves lots of practical opportunities for the children to solve problems
- Centres around talk and reasoning. Children are encouraged to talk about numbers, how they got to an answer, identify patterns they might have spotted, explain how they knew they had made an error, etc.
- It involves breaking down larger, complex learning goals into smaller steps
- It ensures all children are provided with opportunities to develop a deep and secure knowledge and understanding of mathematics













## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Encourage your children to discuss their learning
- Look at our website <u>http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/</u>
- Read a variety of texts to and with your children not just school books
- Use incidental opportunities to read e.g. road signs, cooking instructions
- Continue to practise areas of difficulty that your child may be experiencing
- Make each learning experience as enjoyable as possible
- Take time to practise counting (in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards) and support number fact knowledge
- Support your child with simple grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Ensure your child knows how to read and spell Year 1 and 2 common exception words

