



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL 2026

YOUR SPRING NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR 5



This newsletter will keep you informed about what your child will be learning this term. If we need to share further information with you, we will use Study Bugs so please make sure you download the app. If this is not possible, please ensure we have an up to date email.

English: 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 including: *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes where we will use the information and style of the text to write our own story. We will also be learning lots of factual information about rainforests to deepen the children's understanding of how we can continue to protect this phenomenal ecosystem. 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry, will be used to support our learning on this topic. Understanding the impact of deforestation will form part of their learning during this unit of work and they will write persuasively to express their opinions about the topic. The children will end the unit of work by writing their very own letter to King Charles stating reasons why he should encourage others to do more to protect our world's rainforests.

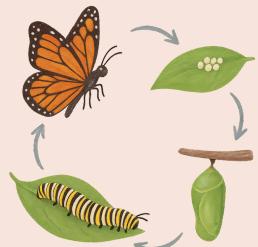
Maths: We will focus on securing our understanding of the written methods of all four operations including reasoning and problem solving. They will learn strategies to answer questions that require them to apply their knowledge of all calculation, such as word problems, missing digit calculations, understanding errors and investigating statements. We will also learn all about multiplication and division and in measurement we will identify perimeter and area of shapes and learn how to find these. The children will be able to recognise equivalent fractions, compare and order, add, subtract and multiply fractions and be able to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. They will also be able to write percentages as fractions. The maths videos on the website will help with if worried about what method we use.

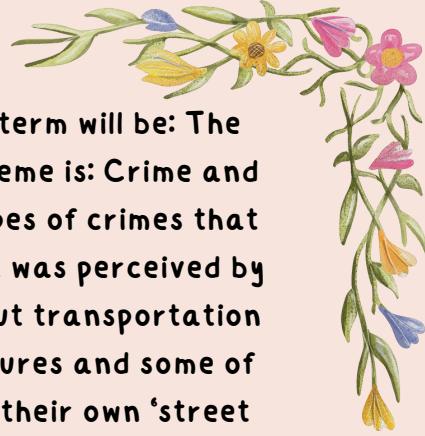


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Science: Our first science topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats' which will allow the children to explore the different life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will also learn about 'Earth and Space', exploring the planets in the solar system as well as scientific theories and key concepts of orbital cycles. We will also look at why we have night and day as well as the phases of the Moon





Thematic: Our continuing theme for the first part of the term will be: The Vikings are Coming! In the latter part of this term, our theme is: Crime and Punishment. In history, we will be learning all about the types of crimes that were committed during different historical ages and how it was perceived by the law at that time. In geography, we will be learning about transportation and focusing on Australia, exploring its geographical features and some of the country's culture. In Art, children will learn to create their own 'street art' and Aboriginal dot art as well to link in with History. Places of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child are: the Tower of London and, not for the faint-hearted, The Clink Museum (one of England's oldest and most notorious prisons)



Trips and events: To conclude our RE unit on Sikhism, we are very excited about our upcoming trip to the Gurdwara. During our visit, we will have a tour of the temple and children will have a chance to see artefacts and other related objects to Sikhism. We will also celebrate all the work done so far in Thematic by holding our annual 'Museum Day' where parents will be invited to come in.



What you can do to help: Please make sure that your child reads every night and sign their reading diary at the end of the week. Regular reading is proven to improve children's learning. Ask them questions about what they've read. Ask them what they think the words mean or what the character might be thinking or feeling. There is no such thing as a night with 'no homework': every night is reading night! Lists of spelling words for each year group are available on our website and children are expected to know these by the end of the year. Times tables need constant revision - children should know these facts instantly, in mixed order, and know the corresponding division fact. 'Mathletics' is our on-line maths homework. Children are expected to earn 1000 points (a bronze certificate) each week but are welcome to earn more points! 'Live' Mathletics is particularly good for developing mental maths skills. Additionally, helping your children to complete their thematic homework is a wonderful way of spending time with your child whilst supporting their learning.

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



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PE Days	Percheron- every Thursday Lipizzan- every Friday Jutland- every Friday Chestnut- every Tuesday
Gurdwara Visit	Lipizzan & Jutland- 19 th January Chestnut & Percheron - 26 th January
Museum Day	6 th February
Half term	Monday 16th Feb- Friday 20 th Feb Return to school- Monday 23 rd Feb