



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2022



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Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope you had a lovely time and look forward to having a wonderful term working together. Our topic this term is 'Africa'. 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.

English: In literacy this term, we will be exploring a range of stories including the brilliant 'Tinga Tinga Tales' and 'Awongaleema—the magic tree'. We will learn lots of facts about lions and use these to write an information leaflet. We will use the story of 'Mama Panya's Pancakes' to explore recipes and we will recreate the experience of an African market! Throughout this term there will be a focus on the children writing grammatically correct sentences, using correct word endings and adding interesting detail. We will be focusing on spelling the Year 1 word list correctly and using our phonics to decode any unfamiliar words.

Maths: In maths this term, we will continue to develop the children's confidence in using numbers up to and over 100. This includes being able to read, write and order them. The children will be learning about place value – how many tens and ones there are in a number. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will learn about halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. We will have a focus on solving problems involving multiplication and division. We will also be learning about the values of coins and notes.

Science: In science this term, we will learn about why plants are important; how they grow and what we use them for. We will be looking at different plants such as flowers and trees and identifying their features. The children will observe a bean seed growing and think about what a plant needs to survive.

Thematic: Our thematic topic is 'Africa'. We will be looking at maps of Africa and using geographical language to discuss different landscapes such as towns and the savannah. We will be looking at some of the history of Africa and using different techniques in art and design to make African paintings and items such as jewellery and masks. In creating our African market, we will be exploring the food and culture of the continent. **If anyone has any items at home they would be willing to show to the children, or any photos and stories from Africa, or you know any African songs, rhymes or games please let us know. We would love for our families to be involved in this topic.**

Trips and events: The children will be visiting the Horniman Museum where they will explore African artefacts and take part in a workshop handling African artefacts. We are also celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with lots of exciting activities and a school picnic. In June we have a Science Week arranged with engaging workshops and special 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. 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. Ask your child lots of questions to help develop their understanding of what they have read. Please try and write in your child's reading diary to keep us informed of their reading at home. Encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons, such as creating shopping lists and invitations, or writing their own stories. We would love the children to share any writing they do at home with the class so we can celebrate it. We teach phonics using 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' and they have a huge range of fantastic resources for parents which you can find here: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>. In maths, continue to re-enforce all number bonds up to 20 as this will help them with addition and subtraction. Count forwards and backwards up to and over 100. Show your child how and why maths is important in every day life and ask them to help you solve mathematical problems you come across, including using money and finding totals.

National Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC): After half term, all children in Year 1 will take the PSC. A separate letter will be sent home soon with further information and guidance.

Ms Balhadere and the Year 1 Team

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

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Dates for your diary	
	<u>Cypress Primary School</u>
Friday 13th May	Jubilee dress-up day
Friday 27th May	Year 1 Horniman Museum trip
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term
Monday 6th June	Children return to school
Week beginning Monday 6th June	National Phonics Screening Week (more details to follow)
Week beginning Monday 20th June	Science week - exciting workshops and activities arranged!
Friday 8th July	Lower School sports day (more details to follow)
Wednesday 13th July	PTFA Year 1 disco
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term