



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2024

**H**appy new year! We hope that you have had a fantastic break and look forward to having a wonderful term working together. 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:** The children will develop their understanding of the characteristics and structure of stories. We will be using the stories 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas, 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug' by Ellie Bethel, 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree' by Julia Donaldson and 'Chalk' by Bill Thomson. Children will be sequencing events and developing settings and ideas for their own stories. They will write a persuasive poster about recycling. We will also be looking at writing instructions for making toys, writing an informal letter to the toy workshop presenter and performing a poem by Roger McGough. Throughout this term, the children will use their phonic knowledge to spell to help them write more independently. We will also focus on the development of oral and written sentences with different sentence starters and use of correct punctuation.

**Maths:** We will be learning about place value in numbers up to 50, including how many tens and ones are in a 2 digit number. The children will learn to add and subtract numbers within 20 including becoming more confident using number bonds to 20 and their related subtraction facts, e.g.  $17 + 3 = 20$ ,  $20 - 17 = 3$ . We will practise using their addition and subtraction skills in a range of contexts such as to solve missing number or money problems. We will look at measures. Children will solve problems relating to weight, length and height.

**Science:** The focus in science this term is materials. We will be looking at things made from different materials, using correct scientific vocabulary for the materials themselves and their properties. The children will be investigating which material is the most suitable for use as a boat.

**Thematic:** This term our thematic topic is 'Toys'. The children will develop their understanding of toys from the past and how toys have changed. We will be looking at the materials toys are made from and how they move. We will be designing and making our own toy from recycled materials.

**Trips and events:** This half term we will have a visitor from the Museum of Croydon who is coming to share some old toys with us. The children will have a chance to see how toys have changed and put them into chronological order from oldest to most modern.

**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, help your child to recognise the numbers to 50 and find 1 more and 1 less. Continue to count forwards and backwards and practise number bonds to 20 to help the children develop their confidence when using these.

The Year 1 Team

**Don't forget to check our website for news and upcoming events:**  
[www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)

## Dates for your diary

### All schools

Friday 9th February	Pegasus Academy Museum Day
Week beginning 4th February	Book Week
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Week beginning 11th March	Parents' Evening

### Whitehorse Manor Infant School

Monday 15th January	Visitor from Museum of Croydon for toy handling session.
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### Whitehorse Manor Brigstock Site

Tuesday 16th January	Visitor from Museum of Croydon for toy handling session.
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### Ecclesbourne Primary School

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