



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2020

Welcome to Year 1. It is lovely to see the children back in school and we look forward to having a wonderful year working together. We hope that 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 www.pegasusacademytrust.org and

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 such as 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram, 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon and 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy to help inspire our writing. We have a fantastic 'Moon Day' planned when the children blast off to space and meet an alien themselves! We will also be looking at information books to find out some facts about space travel. Our main focus will be to get the children to write great sentences – making sure they make sense, starting with a capital letter, ending with a full stop, with finger spaces, clear handwriting and developing their use of descriptive language.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on developing their number knowledge and confidence working with numbers to 10, through such activities as recognising and ordering numbers, counting both forwards and backwards, number bonds (different ways to make 5,6,7,8,9, or 10) and 1 more or less than a given number. We will also focus on addition and subtraction strategies and looking at the properties of shapes.

Science: Our science topics are 'All About Me' and 'Seasonal Change'. We will be naming and labelling parts of our bodies and exploring and investigating using our senses. We will learn about seasonal change during autumn.

Thematic: This term our theme is: Ourselves. The children will be looking at the local area and how it has changed. We will be looking at maps, identifying key features and creating our own simple map. We will be looking at the features of our local area and link this to model making in design and technology. The children will be creating portraits using a variety of materials. We will design and make a moon buggy using wheels and axles.

Trips and events: Due to the current situation, there are no trips planned for this term. However, we normally visit the local library and would encourage you to join the library if you have not. There are some fantastic exhibitions and experiences linked to space and the moon landing at the Science Museum in London.

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 their reading books and will have access to a selection of books on Bug Club. 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 try and write in your child's reading diary on a weekly basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. Encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons such as shopping lists and invitations. There are a number of great websites that children can use to help develop their confidence in recognising sounds and words including www.phonicsplay.co.uk and alphablocks on cbeebies. In maths, help your child to count forwards and backwards up to 50 (children find counting backwards especially difficult). Helping your child to know their number bonds up to 10 is also invaluable e.g. 6 and 3, 7 and 2, 8 and 1 make 9 etc. You can also encourage your child to recognise different 2D and 3D shapes and describe them.

Please could you ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kits on PE days and plimsolls or trainers when they have sports for enrichment. The day each class has PE is shown on the reverse of the newsletter.

The Year 1 Team

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

Dates for your diary

Whitehorse Manor Infants main site PE days

Green Class	Wednesday
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Yellow Class	Tuesday
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Jade Class	Wednesday
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Whitehorse Manor Infants Brigstock site PE days

Rowan Class	Friday
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	Trainers should be worn on Wednesdays due to enrichment
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Ecclesbourne Primary School PE days

Astronaut Class	Monday
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Shooting Stars	Tuesday
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