



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Spring 2020

Happy 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.

English: The children will develop their understanding of the characteristics and structure of stories. We will be using the texts 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas, 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree' by Julia Donaldson and 'Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug' by Ellie Bethel. They will sequence events and develop settings and ideas for their own stories. We will also be looking at writing instructions for making toys. 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 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 time and measures. They will learn to read the time to o'clock and half past the hour and use vocabulary relating to time. They will solve problems relating to weight, length and capacity.

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. We will be looking at the differences between man-made and natural materials. The children will be investigating which material is the most suitable for a super hero cape.

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 with a moving part. A place of interest, linked to our theme, that you could visit with your child is the V & A Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green.

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. Weekly spellings will be sent home for the children to learn and use in sentences. Encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons such as shopping lists and invitations or their own stories. We would love the children to share any writing they do at home with the class so we can celebrate it. 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 www.jollylearning.co.uk. In maths, help your child to recognise the value of coins and use these in real life shopping. This can link to addition and subtraction too. 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 the website at: www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Dates for your diary

All schools

Friday 7th February	Pegasus Academy Museum Day
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief

Whitehorse Manor Infants main site

Tuesday 28th January	Toy Workshop
Wednesday 25th March 9:15am	Green Class Assembly
Thursday 26th March 9:15am	Jade Class Assembly
Monday 1st April 9:15am	Yellow Class Assembly

Whitehorse Manor Infants Brigstock site

Monday 27th January	Toy Workshop
Tuesday 3rd March 9:15am	Rowan Class Assembly

Ecclesbourne Primary School

Monday 27th January	Toy Workshop
Friday 31st January 9:15am	Shooting Stars Class Assembly