



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Summer 2021

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. You will be able to access all weekly home learning and homework on your child's class blog.

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 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 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: Once the current national restrictions ease, we are hoping to organise a trip for the year 1 children later in the summer term. If this is possible, we will keep you updated and let you know dates at a later stage.

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. We are focussing on developing comprehension skills so asking your child lots of questions about the books you read will help with this. Please try and write in your child's reading diary as often as possible to keep us informed of their reading at home. Helping your child to be able to read and spell all the Year 1 words will help develop their confidence both in reading and writing. 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, 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.

The Year 1 Team

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