



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2020



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Welcome to Year 2. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and look forward to having a wonderful year 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, the notice boards outside of the classrooms and the Pegasus website which we suggest you check regularly for up-to-date information.

English: During the autumn term, we will be working hard in English to develop the children's reading, writing and speaking and listening. In order to inspire the children's story writing and encourage a love for reading we will be working with a number of fictional texts such as "The Lonely Beast", "The Bear and the Piano" and "George's Marvellous Medicine." We will also be using a wide range of non-fiction books from the classroom and our new school library to research and fact find, particularly for this term's history topic which is 'Looking at London'. The children will be writing exciting diaries from the view of an eye witness to the Great Fire of London. Every week, the children will be learning about different aspects of spelling, grammar and punctuation and will be encouraged to use their learning to improve their writing skills.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on place value (e.g. to know that the number 23 is made up of 2 digits that tell us how many tens and ones there are in the number and that $23 = 20 + 3$) as well as looking at different ways we can add and subtract numbers. Please help your child with as much practical maths as possible; remembering that it is important that they can explain the method they used to solve a calculation. Children will be working with money learning how to add together two totals, find different ways to make the same total and find the change. We will also work on telling the time to the nearest 15 minute intervals and it would be great if you could practise this at home with your child.

Science: Our science topic this term will be "Animals including humans" and we will be learning all about the human life cycle and what animals and humans need to survive. We will be studying the human body and naming key body parts, including different bones and joints. Children will be thinking about what makes 'healthy living' and will look at different food groups as well as making up their own healthy plates. We will be learning about how important exercise is to keeping healthy and different ways we can keep fit. Children will be learning about how exercise creates changes in our bodies. Lastly, children will be looking at the importance of hygiene and ways in which we can keep clean.

Thematic: This term, our topic is 'Looking at London'. This topic will cover all of our work in art, design and technology, history and geography. In history, we will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London', when and why it happened and how it affected London. In geography, the children will look at where London is, learn about some of its significant landmarks and why it is an important city. In art, we will be making pictures of the fire and a silhouette of the London skyline. As part of our design and technology topic, we will be designing and making our own biscuit boxes.

Trips and events: Unfortunately, there will be no trips taking place this term.

What you can do to help: The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them EVERY DAY. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag on a daily basis. 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 write in your child's reading diary on a daily basis to keep us informed of their reading at home. There will be a chance for you to meet with your child's teacher this half term to talk through their next steps for learning.

We will be arranging a virtual Year 2 curriculum meeting where we will share information about the Phonics Screening Check (which children missed in Year 1) and Year 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) which assess children's attainment at the end of Year 2.

We will also be setting up class blogs, so watch this space.

Miss T Cashmiri—Year 2 Team Leader

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

Dates for your diary**Beulah Infant School**Friday 18th
September

Jeans for Genes day

Friday 25th
September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13th and
Wednesday 14th
October

3:30-6:30

Parents' Evening