



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2021



BEULAH INFANT &  
NURSERY SCHOOL

**W**elcome 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. We will be reading a number of fictional texts such as "The Lonely Beast" and "The Bear and the Piano" to fuel our story retelling and love of reading. We will be reading the story "Traction Man" and creating our very own rescue mission for him to undertake. We will also be writing instructions for Traction Man to follow in order to complete this mission. Throughout the term we will be researching and fact finding using a wide range of non-fiction books. Learning will be linked to science in our 'Healthy Living' topic and 'The Tudors' in our thematic work. The children's research will provide information and facts that they will be able to use to write booklets about Henry VIII. The booklets will also have a focus on engaging the audience by varying sentence starters in order to draw in the reader. Each week, the children will be learning different aspects of spelling, grammar and punctuation and how to use this to improve their own writing skills. The children will also be having daily phonics sessions in order to best prepare them for the Year 1 Phonic Screen Test that they will be taking in the second half of the autumn term.

**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  $23 = 20 + 3$ ). They will also be looking at the different ways that 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 have 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 be working 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 the 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 towards keeping healthy, different ways in which we can keep fit and understanding how exercise creates changes in our bodies. The children will also be looking at the importance of hygiene and ways in which we can keep clean.

**Thematic:** Our topic this term is 'The Tudors' and the children will learn all about the reign of Henry VIII and how he ruled England 500 years ago. We will be finding out what Tudor life was like for the rich and poor and discovering the qualities of King Henry VIII. We will be bringing this topic alive by visiting Henry VIII's most famous palace, Hampton Court Palace, and discovering the fate of his six wives. The children will draw and paint Tudor portraits of Henry or one of his wives and will create and design their own Tudor roses or Tudor shield which they will later use to create a printing pattern. We will also be comparing King Henry VIII to our modern day monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

**Trips and events:** To enrich our RE learning, Nabhi from the London Institute of Vedic Education, will be visiting us and delivering an interactive workshop based around the Hindu festival Diwali. We will be taking a trip to Hampton Court Palace to visit one of Henry VIII's most famous palaces.

**What you can do to help:** The most important way you can support your child is by reading with them daily. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book in their book bag every day. They will also be given fully decodable books to read over the week. 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, even if it is only your signature. 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/>. 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](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) and alphablocks on cbeebies. We also look forward to seeing you for our year 2 curriculum meeting where we will share information about the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) the children will be taking next May. If you have any general concerns or questions in the meantime, please ask!

Miss T Cashmiri—Year 2 Team Leader

**Don't forget to check the website at: [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org)**

**Dates for your diary:****Beulah Infant School**

Tuesday 5th October

Year 2 Curriculum Meeting

W/C 11th  
October

Parents` Evening 3:30pm—6:30pm

Thursday 14th October

Hampton Court Palace

Thursday 18th Novem-  
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Diwali workshop in school