



# The Pegasus Academy Trust

## Year 2 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2022



**W**elcome to Year 2. We hope that you have had a restful summer and are looking forward to a wonderful year of working together. We have been so excited to welcome the children back to school and have been pleased to see how well they have settled back into school life. 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.

**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 also reading the story 'The Twits' and discovering what a terrible, disgusting man Mr Twit is. Using commands and adverbs, children will write instructions to create Mrs Twit's Squiggly Spaghetti. We will also be researching and fact finding using a wide range of non-fiction books, making links with our learning about healthy living in science and looking closely at this terms history topic, 'The Tudors'. We will use facts from our research to write information posters about Henry VIII, carefully considering how to vary our sentence starters in order to draw in the reader. As winter approaches, we will be reading 'Jack Frost' and developing our descriptive vocabulary and using expanded noun phrases to write a wanted poster. Every week, the children will be learning about different aspects of spelling, grammar and punctuation and using this 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  $23 = 20 + 3$ ). We will also look at different strategies we can use to add and subtract numbers and explore the concepts of multiplication and division. 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 problem and their methods of calculation. Children will be working with money, learning how to add two amounts together, finding different ways to make the same total and calculate change. We have allowed extra time for our maths units this term to ensure they children have time to consolidate their learning and embed the skills learnt.

**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. The 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 and exploring different ways of keeping fit. Children will also 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:** Our topic this term is 'The Tudors' and the children will learn all about the reign of Henry VIII and how he ruled England over 500 years ago. We will be finding out what Tudor life was like for the rich and poor and what kind of king Henry VIII was. 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. Children will discover how food and fashion have changed since the Tudor period and what life was like as a child during that time. The children will draw and paint Tudor portraits of themselves wearing Tudor costume and design their own Tudor rose or Tudor shield which they will use to create a printing pattern.

**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 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 each day 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 daily to keep us informed of their reading at home. Please could you also ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kits on PE days and plimsolls or trainers when they have sports for PPA/enrichment (timetables have been sent out to parents via text). 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 at Parents' Evening. These will be taking place the **week beginning Monday 10th October from 3:30 to 6:30pm** and you will be able to sign up for a slot nearer to the time. We also look forward to seeing you for our Year 2 curriculum meeting next week where we will also share information about the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) that the children will be taking next May.

If you have any general concerns or questions in the meantime, please ask!

Mr St Aimee - Year 2 Team Leader

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

**Dates for your diary****Cypress Primary School - Year 2**

Thursday 22nd September	Year 2 curriculum meeting in the Lower School Hall, 9.15am
Friday 23rd September	Jeans for Genes fundraising day
Friday 30th September	MacMillan Coffee morning/fundraising
Thursday 6th October	National Poetry Day
Week commencing Monday 10th October	Parents' Evenings - details to follow
Thursday 13th October	Turquoise class assembly, 9.15am
Week commencing Monday 17th October	Black History and Diversity week
Friday 21st October	Last day of school before half term holiday Show Racism the Red Card - wear red to school Banji author visiting Cypress Lower School
Wednesday 2nd November	Pupils return to school after half term holiday
Thursday 10th November	Violet class assembly, 9.15am
Week commencing Monday 14th November	Friendship week
Friday 18th November	Children in Need fundraising day
Monday 21st November	Individual Pupil Photographs
Tuesday 22nd November	James Carter author visiting Cypress Lower School
Wednesday 23rd November	No Pens Day
Wednesday 30th November	Flu immunisations in school
Wednesday 7th December	Ruby class assembly, 9.15am
Friday 9th December	Christmas Jumper Day fundraising and Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 13th December	Years 1 & 2 - Christmas singing performance, 2pm
Friday 16th December	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
	Hampton Court Palace trip - dates and details to follow