



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Nursery Newsletter: Spring 2, 2025

Welcome back for another exciting half term! We have enjoyed hearing all about the children's half term news and have already enjoyed a great week back! Our topic this half term is '**Round and Round the Garden**' where the children will focus on some minibeasts, lifecycles and how things grow. This topic includes lots of great stories and some amazing art activities too. We are so excited to be celebrating World Book Day this week in school and the children will be enjoying many stories and activities in the nursery. Friday the children can wear a costume of their favourite book character or comfortable clothes ready to relax and read for pleasure!

Communication & Language: Over the next half term we will be working on listening to and understanding instructions that involve more than one part. When completing tasks around the classroom we will begin to give them two step instructions to complete. This half term we plant our own seeds and will talk through the different steps of planting a seed. This will support the children with following one instruction at a time and making sure it is complete before continuing.

Personal, Social and Emotional: When working in the classroom we will be working on building the children's 'Learning Powers'. These will be built on as the children move up through the school but in Nursery we focus on trying our best, focusing on a task until complete and persevering when something goes wrong. We will talk regularly in the classroom about why these skills are important and how they help us learn and improve.

Physical Development: This half term we will continue to work with the children on improving their pencil grip. They will be encouraged to move towards a tripod grip and build the muscles up in their hand to do so. We will do this through fine motor activities each day involving play dough, tweezers, threading and pegs. In the outside area we will work on improving the children's ball skills. We will think about throwing and catching, making sure we keep our eye on the ball. When outside we will also work on balancing, using stilts, balance bars and balancers to practice this core skill. We hope the Spring weather will help us really enjoy our outside time together!

Literacy: As we move into the Spring and the seasons change we will be looking at books all about growing and the lifecycle. Some of the texts we will be looking at include '*Jasper's Beanstalk*' and '*Teeny Weeny Tadpole*'. When looking at each new text we will be focussing on new vocabulary, encouraging discussions and asking and answering questions related to the story. We will be exploring lots of activities relating to the stories around the classroom and fully immerse the children in the text. Each week we will continue to build on the sounds we can hear and work on the children's oral blending. The sounds we will be looking at this half term are e,u,r,h,b. We are also really looking forward to Book Week where we will share lots of stories in class!

Mathematics: In mathematics this half term, we will be recapping the numbers to 5. We will be working on recognising physical amounts, pictorial amounts and numerals. During free flow children will begin to match numerals to amounts and help each other find 1,2,3,4 or 5 of different objects. The children will begin to look at the Numberblocks characters from Cbeebies during whole class learning that they then continue to work with into reception. The episodes build strong number sense and we recommend watching series 1 at home with your child. Each episode is 5 minutes long and shows the numbers in a variety of representations leading to good conversations and activities within maths.

Understanding the World: Spring brings lots of opportunities to Understand the world around us! We will be observing the changes in our outside areas as the leaves begin to grow on the trees and the plants begin to grow. When planting our own seeds, we will look at how to help them grow and what they need e.g. water, soil, sunlight etc. We will also begin to look at lifecycles when looking at a tadpole. We will see how it changes from a tadpole into a frog and what happens during the process.

Expressive Arts and Design: In Expressive Arts and Design we will be doing a variety of different projects. We are looking forward to completing some large art outside with chalk and paint but also looking at creating with natural resources such as sticks and leaves. When creating inside we will be looking at the changes in colour that comes with Spring and painting the new flowers and trees that begin growing around us.

Trips and events: Please make sure you have signed up for parents evening on **Tuesday 18th March** or **Thursday 20th March** through Studybugs. Any questions speak to your class teacher. Don't forget our weekly read with your child session – every Wednesday 8:30-8:45am and 12:15-12:30pm.

The Nursery Team

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