



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2021

Welcome to Year 1. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and look forward to having a wonderful year working together. 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. Important dates are to be found on the reverse of this letter so we recommend you stick it on your fridge. Important dates can also be found easily by going to www.pegasusacademytrust.org and clicking on the 'Events' tab at the top of the page.

English: 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 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram, 'I want my hat back' by John Klassen and 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy to help inspire our writing. We have a fantastic 'Moon Day' planned when the children blast off to space and meet an alien themselves! We will also be looking at information books to find out some facts about space travel. Our main focus will be to teach the children to write great sentences – making sure they make sense, starting with a capital letter, ending with a full stop, with finger spaces, clear handwriting and developing their use of descriptive language.

Maths: In our maths learning this term, the children will be focusing on developing their number knowledge and confidence through such activities as recognising and ordering numbers, counting both forwards and backwards, number bonds (different ways to make 5,6,7,8,9, or 10) and 1 more or less than a given number. We will also focus on addition and subtraction strategies.

Science: Our science topics are 'All About Me' and 'Seasonal Change'. We will be naming and labelling parts of our bodies and exploring and investigating using our senses. We will learn about seasonal change during autumn.

Thematic: This term our theme is: Ourselves. The children will be looking at the local area and how it has changed. We will be looking at, creating and identifying key features on a map. On our trip to the library we will be recording features of the local area. The children will be creating portraits using a variety of materials. We will design and make a moon buggy using wheels and axels.

Trips and events: This half term we will be looking at buildings in our local area and visiting the local library. In the next half term we will be visiting the Science Museum to take part in some very exciting activities linked to our moon topic. We also have a visitor from 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' coming into school to talk to us as part of our science work on senses.

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. Weekly homework will be sent home for the children to complete. Please encourage the children to write for a variety of reasons such as shopping lists and invitations. 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 and alphablocks on cbeebies. In maths, help your child to count forwards and backwards up to 100 and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Helping your child to know their number bonds up to 10 is also invaluable e.g. 6 and 3, 7 and 2, 8 and 1 make 9 etc.

We will soon be sharing further information and resources about the Year 1 curriculum on Tuesday 28th September in the Lower School hall and hope to see many of you then.

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

The Year 1 Team

Dates for your diary**Beulah Infant School**

Tuesday 28th September, 9am	Year 1 curriculum meeting in the school hall
Week commencing Monday 11th October	Parents Evenings - details to follow
Wednesday 3rd November	Staff INSET day - school closed to children
Wednesday 17th November	Trip to the Science Museum - Purple Class
Thursday 18th November	Trip to the Science Museum - Green Class
	Library visits to be arranged after half term

Cypress Primary School

Tuesday 28th September, 9am	Year 1 curriculum meeting in the school hall
Week commencing Monday 11th October	Parents Evenings - details to follow
Tuesday 12th October	Trip to the library - Green Class
Wednesday 13th October	Trip to the library - Indigo Class
Friday 15th October	Trip to the library - Blue Class
Wednesday 3rd November	Staff INSET day - school closed to children
Wednesday 10th November	Trip to the Science Museum - Green Class
Thursday 11th November	Trip to the Science Museum - Blue Class
Friday 12th November	Trip to the Science Museum - Indigo Class