



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Year 1 Termly Newsletter: Autumn 2024



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 and letters with you, we will use the 'Studybugs' 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 'calendar' 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, start with a capital letter, end with a full stop, use finger spaces between words, clear handwriting and developing 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 within 10.

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

Thematic: This term our theme is 'Here we are'. The children will be looking at the local area and how it has changed over time. We will be looking at, creating and identifying key features on a map. During our trip to the park 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 axles.

Trips and events: This half term we will be looking at buildings in our local area and visiting the local park. 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.

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 regularly. 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. Thematic homework will be sent home every term for the children to complete if they wish. 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 within 10 is also invaluable, such as 6+3, 7+2, 8+1 all total 9.

We will be sharing further information and resources about the Year 1 curriculum on Tuesday 24th September at 9.15am in the Lower School Hall and hope to see many of you then.

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

The Year 1 Team

Dates for your diary**Cypress Primary School - Year 1**

Friday 20th September	Jeans for Genes fundraising day
Tuesday 24th September	Year 1 curriculum meeting in the Lower School Hall, 9.15am
Friday 27th September	MacMillan Coffee morning/fundraising
Monday 7th October and Thursday 10th October	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 8th October	Individual and sibling photographs
Week commencing 14th October	Black History and Diversity week
Friday 18th October	Last day of school before half term holiday Show Racism the Red Card - wear red to school
Wednesday 30th October	Pupils return to school after half term holiday
Week commencing 11th November	Friendship week
Monday 11th November	PAT Remembrance Day
Thursday 5th December	Flu immunisations in school
Tuesday 17th December	Year 1 - Christmas singing performance, 9.15 am
Friday 20th December	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
	Local trip to the park and Science museum trip - dates and details to follow