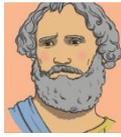




PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Archimedes Class



Dear Parents and carers of Archimedes Class,

Welcome to a new year and a new start for all. Some of your children are starting school for the very first time in Reception and some are starting a new year in Year 1. I am looking forward to working alongside you to support your child in their progress and development during their time in Archimedes Class.

This term our Literacy will be based around stories with familiar settings. We will be looking at a range of stories and relating them to our own lives and developing our skills to enable us to write our own story. We will also be focusing on Phonics. Please ask your child what new sounds or words they have learnt today and support your child with phonic activities sent home.

In Science we will be studying seasonal changes. Our Cornerstone topic is 'Memory Box' and we will be looking at things that have happened to us in the past and making a memory box to put our new memories into.

P.E. lessons will take place on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child has a full, named **PE kit**. They should have plimsolls, shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt in their house colour. **We will keep the kit safely in School for the term.**

Homework

To help your child's learning it would be helpful if you could hear your child read every night, for approximately 10 minutes. Reading books will soon start coming home, as well as reading records. Please comment in their reading record when you have heard them read. If you can support your child at this early stage of their learning it will help them to continue to develop their reading and writing skills. From week 3 they will be having a short phonics activity linked to the current phonics work we have been learning. Twice a term your child will be given a selection of activities to choose from to complete linked to our Cornerstones topic.

Outside Area

To help the children's learning we will be using our outside area to reflect our learning inside the classroom. During the term we will be developing this area to allow us to do this. I would like to ask that while waiting to deliver or collect children from the classroom please could you ensure that the cottage and equipment is not played with.

As always, please don't hesitate to speak to either myself, Mrs Hardie or Miss Court at the start or end of the day, if you have any questions or concerns about your child. If you have any further questions then please arrange a meeting with myself or through the School Office.

I would like to thank you in advance for supporting your child through this year.

Kind regards,

Mr Timothy Lester
Class Teacher