



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGERS CLASS LETTER
TERMS 1 & 2



September 2019

WELCOME TO BADGER CLASS

Welcome back after summer holidays. I'm Mr King, the class teacher for Badger Class.

I'm very excited about a new start to the year. We've lots of exciting learning and activities planned in the first two terms alone.

Term 1 Topic: Alice in Wonderland / Potions

By reading Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, we'll learn all about fantasy worlds and mysterious potions, aromatic brews, vapour and sticky goo.

Our class will be looking at safety labels on chemicals and liquids and write our own safety labels for Alice's bottle.

Becoming super scientists, we'll investigate properties and changes of materials and explore chemical reactions and states of matter.

We will research the use of anaesthetic and learn what life was like without it!

We are studying the many poems in Alice in Wonderland and will write our own poems based on Jabberwocky.

The play, Romeo and Juliet will inspire us to write scripts, and we'll think of an alternative ending for this tragic tale. We'll write spells with magical, strange or gruesome effects – what ingredients will we use? It will be great fun to make chocolate hearts and bath bombs! We shall also create canvas art on a large scale!

At the end of the topic, the whole class will create our own potions and follow instructions to make delicious potion treats to share.

Term 2 Topic - Time Traveller

In term 2, we will meet people from different generations to find out what life was like in the past and we'll predict how things might change in the future.

Using real portraits from the past for inspiration, we'll write character descriptions about the people in them. In Art, we'll create a timeline of our lives and watch a time-lapse of human development.

By taking close-up photographs, we will create our own Andy Warhol style prints and experiment to see how photographs can be changed and enhanced. Smile, please!

Our book will be Tom's Midnight Garden and using this to write our own adventure stories about the fascinating subject of time travel.

Our science work will focus on puberty and why hygiene is important. We'll also create clock artwork based on the style of Salvador Dali.

At the end of the topic, we'll make collages to represent our hopes and dreams and create an electronic time capsule that represents life in the present day.

Date of class assembly and craft session

A couple of important dates for your diary, so you can come in a celebrate your child's achievement and see what we've been learning about.

Our parent session will be on **Thursday 17th October at 2pm.**

Our class assembly will be on **Thursday 28th November at 2.30pm**



We're proud to be in
BADGER CLASS

ATTENDANCE

It is vital that your child comes to school so they can learn and make the progress they deserve. Children enter the classroom at 8.40 and must be in class by 8.50 ready for their learning.

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed smartly, as this helps them feel proud about the school. If you're unsure or need a new school jumper with the logo please ask the office.

Golden Rules

We will respect and value every member of our community and welcome every visitor.

We will take ownership for our learning and be responsible for our own choices.

We will try our best in everything that we do and allow others to do the same.

We will keep ourselves and others safe and move safely around the school.

We will respect the school environment and learning resources.

Dates

16th September – Modern Foreign Languages Day
20th September – Jeans for Genes Day
27th September – MacMillan coffee morning
1st October – Owl visit
4th November – School photos
6th November – Parents' Evening
28th November – Badger Class assembly
6th December – Christmas Fayre
13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

PE is every Tuesday.

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit.

Homework/Readers

Your child has weekly spelling and a times table tests every Friday. Each evening your child should read for 15 – 20 minutes. Please sign your child's yellow reading record every time you hear your child read..

REACH for the Stars



Healthy snack and lunches

At break time the children can purchase a healthy snack, such as an apple, banana, orange or some raisins.

A healthy lunch is important to help your child focus and learn their best. If your child has a packed lunch please make sure it is healthy. Ideas could be a healthy sandwich, low-fat crisps, yoghurt, one or two pieces of fruit.

Other information

If you have any questions about your child's learning or how you can help at home please see me after-school. Alternatively, you can arrange an appointment via the office to see me after school.