



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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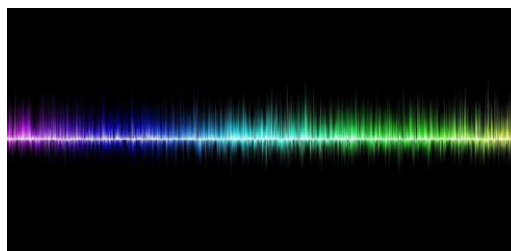
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new term and an exciting term in Year 4/5. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; I'm Mr Moore and I'm your child's teacher for the rest of this school year. Mrs Brown will continue to support myself and the class as their teaching assistant. I am really excited to be here and looking forward to the exciting (and hopefully sunny) months ahead. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to me either before or after school. Equally if you want to discuss anything and you don't collect your child then please feel free to call the office and to arrange a meeting.

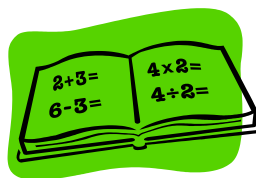
Our topic for Term 5 is – 'The Blue Abyss'. We will be exploring the world and learning about the oceans, their features and the animals living within them. We will also be learning about pollution and our role in protecting the future of the planet.



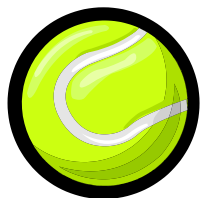
We will be exploring sound in science – investigating and learning about how sound is made, how it travels, how sound needs a medium to travel through, the effect of distance on volume and creating our own experiments to test our theories.



In English we are studying the classic novel, 20,000 Leagues under the Sea! We will be retelling the story, using drama to ensure we really understand what the characters did but also concentrate on how they felt. We are going to use this to then write our own diary entries, imagining that we were one of the characters in the book. We will also be creating our own settings and developing our vocabulary and sentence structure to write in the role of a character. We are also hoping to create information texts on the different oceans in the world.



In Maths we are going to learn about decimal numbers. We are going to understand their place value and the value of each digit. Using this information we are going to solve problems involving addition and subtraction. We are also going to extend our understanding of shapes, using a protractor to accurately measure and classify angles.



Our P.E. days are Monday and Friday. If your child's P.E. kit isn't in school yet – please send it in. PE is an essential part of the curriculum and your child is expected to take part. This term the children will be developing their P.E. skills further with another specialist called Ms Poulter. We will be going swimming every Friday morning, please ensure that your child has their kit and a snack as they will be very hungry afterwards!

The children have been very good at remembering the School's Five Golden Rules. As a reminder these are:

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.

Myself and Miss Brown are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities ahead and watching your children make progress. Do pop in and see us if you have any concerns – we will be happy to chat to you.

Andy Moore
Class teacher