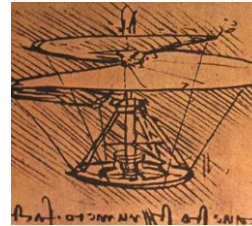




PARKSIDE  
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



11th September 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a New Year in Leonardo da Vinci Class! This year your children will have two teachers – Mrs. Sandham on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Ms. Thompson on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Walsh will also be working in our class as Teaching Assistants.

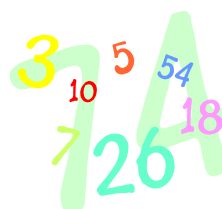
Our Cornerstones topic this term is – 'Wriggle and Crawl'. We will be going on a hunt to find mini beasts around our school and learning about their habitats, which will link into our Science topic too. During this topic the children have the opportunity to develop their own observational drawing skills by studying minibeasts. We will be using field work trips to make maps and in DT we will be looking at the shape of honeycombs and tasting and cooking with honey.



During English we will be developing our handwriting and presentation. We will be looking at features of leaflets and making our own – all tied in with our Wriggle and Crawl topic. We will learn how to use non-fiction books to support our work. This term will also see us write instructions and develop our story writing - about minibeasts! Spellings will be sent home on a Friday – please help your child to learn them as this will improve both their reading and writing skills.

In computing we will be writing algorithms to programme toys and make short animations.

In Maths we are going to be learning about Hundreds, Tens and Units, Number Bonds to 10 and 20, 2D and 3D Shape and Problem Solving. We will be working hard on our Mental Maths and the children will have individual targets to work towards. The homework that will come home on a Tuesday will support their learning – please encourage them to complete it.



Our topic in Science is 'All Living Things and their Habitats' - we have lots of exciting investigations to complete that will help us understand different minibeasts and we will be exploring habitats around our school.



Our P.E. days are Mondays and Fridays. If your child's P.E. kit isn't in School yet – please send it in. We look after it in our cupboard. They love P.E. and this term the children will be working on improving their ball skills.

Your child will read daily. In their book bag there will be a Reading Record Book so we can keep track of their progress. Please read with your children as it does make a big difference to their progress.

As a school we have 5 Golden Rules. 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.

We are sure that all of da Vinci Class will work hard to keep to these rules.

Your children have settled in very well and we are enjoying teaching them. Please do pop in and see us if you have any concerns.

Regards

Barbara Sandham – Class Teacher

Kirsty Thompson – Class Teacher