

PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OTTER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 3 & 4



Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you all a very happy new year! The children have worked hard since they started in September and are making good progress in their learning. It is wonderful to see how the children have grown in confidence since starting in Otter class as was seen during our Christmas Nativity performance at the church. We would also like to thank you for attending our workshops and supporting your child with their learning.

Term 3

Our topic this term is:
'Predators'.

We have already been 'wowed' by our recent visit from the owls where we saw these predators in action, so we are excited to learn more on this topic such as finding out about predator habitats, diets and what they look like. This will also link to our science topic- animals including humans we are especially looking forward to finding out about Aquatic predators.

In English our key text is 'How to train your dragon' through this text we will be writing instructions on how to catch a dragon and looking at features of poems and writing our own poems about dragons and other predators.

In maths this term we will be extending our understanding of place value and number and using this knowledge to solve more tricky problems.

In RE we are learning about Christian's beliefs in Jesus and the good news he brings.

Term 4

Our topic this term is:
'Mighty Metals'

In Term 4 we will be investigating structures and forces of play equipment at the local park. In science our topic will be Forces and Magnets and we have many exciting investigations to complete.

In English our key text is 'The Iron Man' we will use this to help develop and write our own Iron Man stories.

In maths we will be continuing to learn about number and place value, revising our knowledge of fractions and learning all about data.

In RE we will be exploring Easter and what it means to Christians.

Class Dates

Thursday 6th February 2020- DEAR Time- 2pm-3pm
Drop Everything And Read

Otters Class Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 1st April Easter Craft Session



ATTENDANCE

Your child's learning is very important so please support them in making sure that they come to school every day and that they arrive at the start of the school day – which is **8.40am**.

UNIFORM

The children are all looking very smart in their uniform. Please ensure your child's school uniform, coats and PE kit are all named so that it can be returned to them if it gets lost. We keep their P.E. kits in class cupboard and send them home each term for a wash!

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

Big Bird Watch- Tuesday 4th February 2020

Valentines Disco -14th February 2020 - 4pm- 5pm


Parents Evening Wednesday 25th March 2020
3pm-6pm

Easter Craft Day Wednesday 1st April 2020

PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons with Mr Groombridge. We will be learning new gymnastics skills and developing our Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Your child should have a t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls or trainers. T-shirts in your child's house colour are available from the office.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to us at the end of the day or make an appointment to see us at the school office.

REACH for the Stars

 The children now know the school values really well and it is exciting to see on our REACH wall where the children are showing:

Resilience 



Effort 

Aspiration 

Courtesy

Honesty 

Healthy snack and lunches

The children in Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit every day for their break time. Year 3 have the opportunity to buy fruit at the tuck shop for 20p

Please ensure pack lunches include some of the following:
Something savoury, for example sandwich or wrap
Something sweet- for example yoghurt and a piece of fruit and a bottle of squash or water

Homework/Readers

Maths: Your child will have a piece of maths homework each Tuesday. **9 pieces completed equals a treat from the prize tin!!**

Spelling: Your child will have 5 spellings to learn a week. Please practice these with your child.

Reading: We will be sending reading books home on a Wednesday and books will be changed on a Friday. Please read with your child daily.