

PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OWL CLASS LETTER
TERMS 3 & 4



10th January, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm really pleased to welcome you to 2020! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holidays and are ready for the year ahead.

The children have settled in to their learning brilliantly and have already produced some very impressive work. They are very excited for this term's learning – please see below for more details.

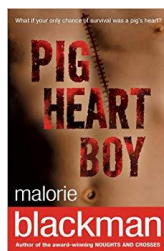
I know we are in for a fantastic year ahead!

Term 3

In term 3, this children will be reading Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. It is a very powerful story which is centred on a thirteen year old boy who needs a heart transplant and his only hope for survival is experimental and controversial.

This book links perfectly with our topic of 'Blood Heart'. The children will be learning about the function of the heart and circulatory system, the different components of the blood and also the effects of smoking and alcohol on the human body.

Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity to dissect a real pig's heart which will be a very memorable experience for them – more information to follow at a later date!



Term 4

In term 4, our topic will be 'Revolution' were the children will be learning about the Victorians in History – particularly the famous Victorian inventors.

We will be looking at the book, 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty which is loosely based on a true story about a poor Victorian boy fighting for survival on the streets of London.

In Science we will be learning about Electricity and the components of a circuit as well as comparing and giving reasons for variations in how the components function.



Owl Assemblies and Craft Sessions:

Thursday 6th February 14:00 – DEAR (Reading session for parents and children.

Wednesday 12th February 13:30– The children will be dissecting pig hearts – parents welcome to join.

Thursday 13th February 14:30– Owl Class Assembly

Wednesday 1st April – Easter Crafts Day



Attendance: I would like to take this opportunity to remind you how important good attendance is for optimum learning and progress. At Parkside, we aim for 95% attendance or more to ensure our best possible learning is able to take place. It is also important that children arrive to school on time so they start their day in the best possible way and are ready to start their learning with the rest of their class.

Uniform:

This is a reminder that all children should be wearing the correct school uniform. This consists of: Parkside School jumper so children can take pride in our school logo (or a navy jumper/cardigan), a white shirt or blouse, grey/black trousers or a skirt (or short/summer dress when it is warmer) and black school shoes.

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:

- Weds 15th Jan 14:00 – PTFA meeting
- Thurs 16th Jan – Census lunch
- Weds 12th Feb – Pig Heart dissection
- Thurs 13th Feb – Owl Class Assembly
- Fri 14th Feb – Valentines Disco / End of term
- Mon 24th Feb – Term 4 starts
- Fri 20th March – Reports home to parents
- Weds 25th March – Parents Evening
- Weds 1st April – Easter Crafts Day / End of Term

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon so children will need to ensure their PE kit is in school. PE kits consist of dark shorts, coloured t-shirt (according to House colours) and plimsolls or trainers.

Homework

The children will be set times tables and spellings on a Friday to practise at home so they are ready for a short test the following Friday. Children are also expected to read at home at least five times a week.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty

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Healthy snack and lunches

Children may continue to buy tuck which is a selection of fruit. If children wish to bring their own snacks in from home, this must be either fruit or veggie sticks. Packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a snack bar.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please make an appointment at the school office or speak to me after school.

Miss Murphy
Year 5/6 Class teacher
and Assessment Lead.