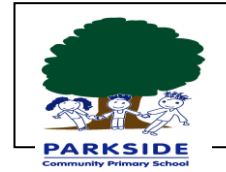




PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Carers of Franklin class,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a very relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday.



This term in **Science**, we are beginning our topic of Light. Many lessons will be practical and fun, developing the children's understanding that light appears to travel in straight lines, using the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye, explaining that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes and using the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them .

Times tables:

The children will continue to have times tables to practise each week and will be tested in class the following week. It is essential that the children are able to relate the multiplication with the division facts. For example: $4 \times 3 = 12$ $12 \div 4 = 3$ $12 \div 3 = 4$. By now your child should be able to recall the facts for all their times tables out of order without the need to count up. Thank you for your support at home with this, the children have made good progress in their times tables and your help with this is greatly appreciated.

P.E. lessons will continue to take place on **Mondays**. Your child must have a PE kit at school for these lessons including plimsolls or trainers. This term in PE the children will be learning the skills needed in outdoor games such as Rounders.



SATs

As I am sure you are aware, the children will be sitting their SATs this term. The dates for these are Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May. The children have been working extremely hard in class preparing for them. We have been revising and doing lots of practise tests so that the children are as ready as they can be for them. There is a SATs meeting for parents on Thursday 2nd May at 3:15. It is designed to give you as much information as we can about what the SATs involve and how you can help your child at home. We would love to see you there!

Topic – Hola Mexico!

Once the SATs are over, we will be fully immersed in our bright and vibrant topic of Hola Mexico! The children will be cooking Mexican food, looking at Mexican culture and festivals. There will be plenty of Art and DT lessons where the children will be making instruments and masks. This topic also allows plenty of writing opportunities such as writing instructions, myths and legends and non-chronological reports.



Homework!

The children in year 6 are expected to read every day at home for at least 10minutes. We encourage reading out loud which enables the children to practise using expression and pausing for punctuation. We also expect the children to continue practising times tables at home. In addition to this, the children will continue to receive maths, reading comprehension and grammar homework. The children must take responsibility for completing this homework and bringing it to school by the given deadline - this is excellent practise for secondary school!

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If you have any questions about your child and their progress, behaviour or learning then please arrange a meeting with me or through the School Office. I am available after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. I will be happy to show you how your child is learning or explain any methods we use that may be unfamiliar to you. Your questions are always welcome.
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Kind regards
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