



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 5 & 6



Friday 29th April, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back to the final two terms of this year. It is amazing how much the children have achieved so far and there is a lot of exciting things planned for this term. During the next few weeks, the children will be investigating rivers and rocks; which includes making their own water cycle models and exploring the forest school to find a range of wildlife, plants and rocks.

Term 5 – Rivers

In Term 5, our Topic is Rivers. During English, the children will be reading 'The River Story' by Meredith Hooper which explores the journey a river takes from its very first drops in the mountains to its final destination; the sea. The children will be facts from the story as well as their own research to write an information text about Rivers including how they are created and what we use them for. Towards the end of the Term, the children will be focusing on shape poetry and will use a range of techniques and poetic language to create their very own examples.

In maths, we will be focusing on money; including counting pound and pennies, how to add it together and subtract and using their new skills to solve money problems in class.

Our science topic this term is Rocks and the children will have a chance to learn about different types of rocks and soil. They will even have the opportunity to investigate the different rocks and soil in our school ground and even have a look at the wildlife amongst them.

Term 6 – Scotland

In Term 6, our Topic is Scotland. The children will be using globes to locate where Scotland is on the map and compare it to the size and location of other countries.

In English, our lead text is 'Katie Morag delivers the mail' by Mairi Hedderwick; a fiction text that will inspire the children to write a variety of different poetry (including Haikus and acrostic). Towards the end of the Term, children will be putting key skills they have learnt throughout the year to the test; writing their very own play scripts based on our lead text.

In maths, the children will be learning about time during the first few weeks. They will be exploring how to use a 12 hour and 24 hour clock and compare durations. For the final few weeks, the children will be looking at shapes and angles before moving onto statistics where they will have the chance to collect their own data and plot it on a graph.

In science, our focus is on plants which, again, will give the children plenty of opportunities for outdoor learning.



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.

Badger Class Rules

We put our learning first, stay focused and do always do our best.

We keep ourselves and others safe and we are sensible at all times.

We look at listen to the speaker with 'one voice'.

We are kind and show respect to ourselves, others and things.

We follow the school values of REACH and our behaviour is GREAT.

Dates:

Friday 1st July – Craft Day

Friday 27th May – Jubilee Celebrations

Week beginning 20th June – Sports Week

Week beginning 27th June – Art Week

11th July- Science Day

PE

PE will be on a **Tuesday**. On these days, children will need to ensure they **wear their PE kits to school on these days** and not their uniform.

PE kits consist of dark shorts, coloured t-shirt (according to House colours) and plimsolls or trainers.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Homework

Every week the children will be set **times tables** and **spellings** to practise at home for a short test that Friday. Children are also expected to **read for 15 minutes** at home at least five times a week.

Healthy snack and lunches

We are a healthy, nut-free school. All packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a healthy snackbar.

If children wish to bring a break-time snack to school, it needs to be either fruit or veggie sticks.