



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 5 & 6



April, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 5, I hope you had a fantastic Easter holiday. I am very much looking forward to the terms ahead and have so many wonderful things planned which include; creating Iron Man inspired robots, exploring the country we live in and creating volcanic eruptions. So far the children have worked incredibly hard in lessons and I can't wait for them to continue to show me what absolute super stars they are as our year together comes to an end.

Term 5

In term 5, we will be moving onto our 'Natural disasters' topic where children will have the opportunity to create exploding volcanoes, tornadoes in a bottle and experience life during an earthquake drill.

In English we will be focussing on a range of different fiction and non-fiction texts relating to our topic. The children will be writing their own poems inspired by volcano eruptions. Finally, we will end the year with children's very own creative writing stories based around a natural disaster.

In maths, we will be looking at focusing on times table in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication test. Then we will be moving on to exploring the properties of different shapes.

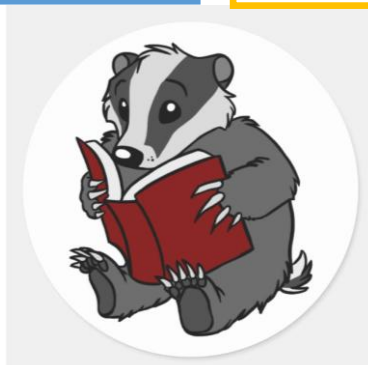
In science, we will be starting our new unit of work; Animals – including humans. The children will discover how the human digestive system works.

Term 6

In term 6, our topic is England: North and South and as part of this, in English, we will be looking at English author Ted Hughes 'The Iron Man'. The children will be writing detailed character descriptions before writing and acting out a play script from the point of view the farmers in our story. Later in the term they will have the opportunity to explore the Iron Man's heroic efforts and write a newspaper reporting the events in the story to their peers.

In maths, our main focus will be time and statistics, where children will be recording data through a variety of charts and graphs.

In science, we will be continue looking at the human body with a focus on teeth.



Attendance: We 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 shorts/summer dress when it is warmer) and black school shoes.

At Parkside our behaviour is GREAT

- Gentle hands and feet.
- Respect others and their property.
- Expect to work hard.
- Always listen.
- Talk Kindly.

Times Tables

We would like to take this opportunity to talk about times tables. Next term, children are tested on all of their times tables so we are encouraging everyone to practice as often as they can. If you would like any support, advice or resources to help your child with learning their times tables, please come and talk to me.

Children will be given regular intervention support in class to help build their confidence.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday, children should come to school in their PE kits and with suitable footwear. We will be swimming on a Friday morning.

Homework

Spellings games are set on Spelling shed weekly, if you need a copy of your child's log in please let us know. A paper copy of homework can be available on request.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Healthy snack and lunches

Every child is given the option of a bagel at break time.

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 Leaver

Year 4 class teacher