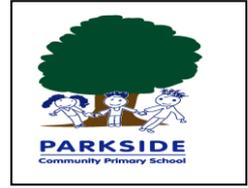




PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 1 & 2



3rd September, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,
I'm really pleased to welcome you to the new school year and to Badger Class after what I am sure you will agree, has been a very long six months. It's lovely to see all the children back and happy. They have settled back into the new school year wonderfully after lockdown. They have adjusted well to the 'new normal' routines of school already, such as regular handwashing and sanitising, forward facing desks, staggered lunchtimes and staying in their 'class bubbles'. I am proud of all of them and excited about all the learning we'll undertake this coming year.
Mr King ☺

Term 1



Our topic for Term 1 is 'Blue Abyss' – all about the world's seas and oceans! We will learn about different sea creatures and sketch and create clay sculptures of our favourite ones. We will write poems inspired by our favourite sea creatures which will help us to develop a rich vocabulary.

Diving back into the 1800s, we'll learn all about the HMS Challenger. We will research Jacques Cousteau and write biographies about his exciting explorations. As a challenge, we'll create model submarines using recycled materials and program an onscreen submarine to develop our computing skills.

Using maps, globes and atlases, we'll identify the world's oceans and seas. After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, we'll learn about the risks it faces.

Our Science topic is States of Matter where we learn about solids, liquids and gases and changing from state to state.

Term 2

In Term 2, we will learn all about Celtic and Roman warriors and write diaries, letters and soliloquies as soldiers. We will write plays and stories about gladiators and a menu for wealthy Romans.

We will learn about the famous Celtic warrior queen, Boudicca, and she will inspire us to create stories, models and artwork.

Using maps, globes and information books, we'll compare Britain (the home of the Celts) and Rome (the home of the Romans). By using different source materials and investigate the Roman Empire, learn about everyday life and learn to read Roman numerals.

In Science, we will learn about electricity and construct a simple series electrical circuit with a switch to turn a series of lamps on and off.

At the end of the term, we'll reflect on what the Romans did for us. We'll become archaeologists, examining and sorting artefacts.



Homework

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



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.

Dates:

Friday 18th September – Genes for Jeans Day
Friday 25th September – Macmillan coffee morning
Friday 2nd October – Harvest Service
Friday 9th October – Careers Day
Monday 12th October – Black History Week
Friday 16th October – Flu Vaccines
Friday 23rd October – End of Term 1
Monday 26th October – HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November – Term 2, Children’s individual and sibling photos.
Wednesday 4th November - Parents Evening
Wednesday 11th November – Open Day
Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair
Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December – Christmas Party and End of Term 2

PE

PE will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. 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



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 snackbar

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.

Mr King.