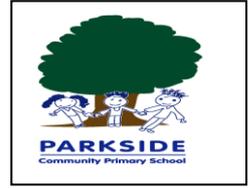




**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**BADGER CLASS LETTER**  
**TERMS 5 & 6**



26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's great to have all the children back at school. They are settling down to learning and we have some exciting learning planned for the remaining terms of the year.

Next term, for term 6, we will cover the Sex and Relationships topic as part of the curriculum. Please keep an eye on your emails for an online Zoom meeting to find out more about what is covered and to ask any questions you might have.

Mr King ☺

**Term 5 – Music Playlist**



Ssh... What's that noise? Is it a bash, a crash, a shake or a hum?

This half term, we'll listen to a live musical performance, picking out the different sounds and techniques. Roger McGough's poem, *The Sound Collector*, will inspire us to write our own poems.

In Science, we will investigate how sounds are made and explore making vibrations using different equipment.

In D&T, we will design and make our own musical instruments from recycled materials. In Art, we will create artwork that represents jazz music, and look at famous, jazz-influenced art.

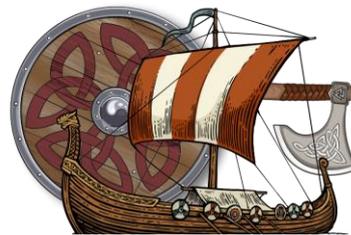
Throughout this topic our toes will be tapping along to all kinds of music, and we'll be listening to song lyrics to get lots of ideas to write our own. At the end of the term, we will perform our songs with instruments.

**Term 6 – Raiders and Traders**

Who's that waving axes and brandishing swords? It's the Saxons and Vikings invading Britain's shores! During this half term, we will make sturdy boats to sail the ocean's fearsome waves.

In English, we will learn about the Legend of King Arthur, we will retell the story, and write character portraits about Alfred the Great. We will write reports as an onlooker who witnessed the Saxons' landing, and find out about key dates and learn about the everyday lives of the Saxons and Vikings

Using online maps, we'll plot the location of Roman shore forts and draw our own sketch maps. In DT we will make models of Saxon weaponry, homes and jewellery and carefully carve runes using clay tools.



**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**

Always be kind and courteous to one another.

Follow the 'new normal' routine of school and listen to adults in order to stay safe.

Try and be honest at all times.

If at first you don't succeed, try again!

We will all aspire to be the best that we can be!



**PE**

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon so 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 or leggings, 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.

**Healthy snack and lunches**

Children may bring in their own snacks for breaktime – this must be a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks.

Packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a snackbar

REMINDER – we are a **nut free** school so please do not send your children in with any items that contain nuts as we have members of our school community with serious nut allergies.

**REACH for the Stars**

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



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

[badgerclass@parkside.kent.sch.uk](mailto:badgerclass@parkside.kent.sch.uk)

Mr King ☺