



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 3 & 4



January, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you have all had a lovely holiday. My name is Miss Gregory and I am very excited to be teaching year four for the remainder of the year. We have so many wonderful things planned which include creating our very own Roman shields, making electrical circuits and plenty of outdoor learning opportunities. The children have had a phenomenal start to the year and have worked incredibly hard in lessons and I can't wait for them to continue to show me what absolute super stars they are.

Term 3

In term 3 our topic is The Romans. In our English lessons, our first key texts will be 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit, where we will be learning about the catastrophic events surrounding the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Then, we will be looking at 'Thieves of Ostia' by Caroline Lawrence followed by 'Julius Zebra' by Gary Northfield. A mixture of fiction and non-fiction books exploring what life would have been like during the Roman times.

In maths, we will be continuing practicing our times tables and division facts before moving onto fractions in the next couple of weeks. I would like to take this time to remind you of our school's TT Rock Stars account where children have the chance to practice, play and challenge their friends and teachers. If you need a copy of your child's log in details please feel free to ask me.

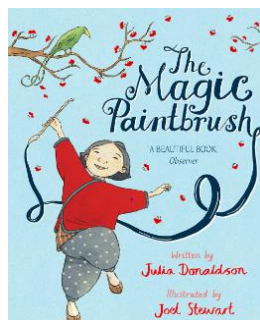
In science, we will be investigating electricity and the children will have the chance to create their own circuits.

Term 4

After half term, we will be looking at The Shang Dynasty and what life was like in Ancient China. Our key text will be 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson and a non-fiction information texts.

In maths, our main focus will be fractions, more specifically converting improper and mixed number fractions as well as adding and subtracting them.

For science, we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will be spending most lessons on the playground exploring the living things in our school environment.



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

Reading

Just a reminder, the children have each been given a reading book and reading record which you may have at home, if you no longer have this or need a new one please come and see me. As a school, we are promoting reading for pleasure, something that I know many of the children are excited about. We encourage the children to read daily both inside and out of school. Please can I ask that when your child has finished their book you write in their reading record and return the book to school ready for a new book to be issued. Thank you for your ongoing support with this, it will have a huge impact on your child's progress.

Dates:

9th February – End of Term 3
19th of February – Start of Term 4
27th March – Parents evening
28th March – End of Term 4



PE

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon and swimming will be on a Friday morning, children should come to school in their PE kits and with suitable footwear. Coloured PE tops are available to purchase from the School Office if needed. Please send the children to school with their swimming kits.

Homework

The children will be set times tables, spellings and maths homework 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.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Times Tables

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support with times tables. At the end of Year 4, children are tested on all of their times tables so I am encouraging everyone to practice as often as they can. I can recommend websites for games for children to play so please feel free to contact me.

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 Gregory
Year 4 Class teacher