



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



April, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely Easter! I can't wait for the terms ahead and have planned lots of exciting things for us to explore and discover. We will be exploring the phenomenon that is our digestive system and will be carrying out experiments to see how our amazing bodies work as well as making rainstorm music and looking into the North and South of England. The children have had a brilliant start to the term and are already working incredibly hard in lessons and I can't wait for them to continue to show me how amazing they all are!

**Term 5**

In term 4 our topic is The North and South of England where we will be looking at counties, compasses and weather.

In our English lessons, our first key text will be 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes which we will be using as inspiration for some amazing writing opportunities.

In maths, we will be continuing practicing our times tables and division facts while starting a new topic of decimals. 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 the digestive system which offers lots of exciting opportunities for experiments and investigation.

**Term 6**

Our new topic in term 6 is natural disasters which is a great topic with lots of engaging learning opportunities.

After half term, we will be looking at the texts, Disney Pixar's 'Lava' and some fiction from CPGs Volcano and Earthquakes study books.

In maths, our main focus will be decimals, but we will be gradually moving on to money and time. Again, please take advantage of TT Rockstars to help improve your children's times table recall, it is a fun and easy way to make maths enjoyable and easier for children to access.

For science, we will be looking at animals including humans in which we will explore the human teeth.



**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**

I am going to arrange for the children to have a reading book and reading record which they may take home. 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:**

24<sup>th</sup> May – End of Term 5  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – Start of Term 6  
19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term 6



**PE**

PE will be on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon, 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. Forest School will be on alternate Thursdays and should come into school in appropriate clothing for this.

**Homework**

I will be setting the children times tables, spellings and maths homework on a Friday to practise at home. 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