

PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGER CLASS LETTER
TERM 5



21st April, 2020

Dear Badgers & Parents,

Thank you for your support during this time as school remains to be closed for most children. I hope you are staying safe and well at home.

You can find home learning activities, links and resources on our school website. Please share what you've been doing at home. You can email pictures, photos or documents to info@parkside.kent.sch.uk or drop them into the school office - I'd love to see what you've been up to!

I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you in Badger Class once we are back at school. Hopefully it won't be much longer!

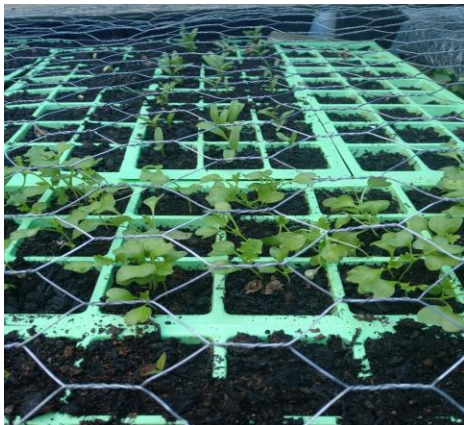
Until then, keep safe and look after yourselves.

Mr King

Term 5 Topic

Our topic for Term 5 is 'Allotment'. It's all about the different types of crops which are grown in the UK and around the world.

You may like to develop 'green fingers' and grow some of your own plants with your parent's help in a garden or on a window-sill at home. I'm growing some sunflowers, tomatoes and salad leaves. They have only just germinated and are still seedlings at the moment. Here are some photos.



These are suggestions for you to pick and choose what activities you would like to do.

- Visit or watch a video tour of an allotment online to see what's growing and spot greenhouses and frames that help the plants to grow. How else can you help plants grow?
- Present a list of the environmental advantages and disadvantages of using local land for allotments.
- Write a poem about all the different fruits and vegetables you can grow. You can also collect images from magazines to make a great visual background for displaying your allotment poem.
- Design your own growing area in your garden. Make a detailed, labelled plan, showing what you would grow.
- Create a sensory trail! Find flowers or leaves with a fragrant scent, or plants with interesting textures. Take an adult on your trail, perhaps blindfold them to test their sensory perception!
- Make a flower arrangement using florist foam blocks and found foliage. Decide on a theme or colour scheme for your arrangement. Photograph your finished piece to show others.
- Attract birds to your garden by making them a delicious bird cake. Combine melted lard with seeds, nuts and dried fruit. You'll find lots of recipes online.
- Plan a 'rainbow garden' using a different fruit or vegetable for each colour in the rainbow. List the names and colours of each plant or vegetable and how they can be used.
- Find out the food miles travelled by the ingredients of your evening meal. Some foods we eat cannot be grown successfully in the UK.
- Use your art skills to make observational drawings of plants, fruits, vegetables, leaves, flowers, seeds and bulbs.
- Research how and where some of the foods that are used in everyday dishes are grown: Was it grown below or above the ground? Under nets or on a frame? In a greenhouse or in the open air?
- Help your parents to cook a healthy and nutritious dish using fruits or vegetables that can be grown in the UK. Write a recipe for some of these dishes – perhaps a tasty vegetable soup or a herby salad?

As mentioned above, please send in photos of your work you have made. I would love to see what you have been doing and it would be great to share your super work on the school website.

You can email your work to info@parkside.kent.sch.uk

I look forward to hearing from you and can't wait to see you all again back at school.

Mr King

