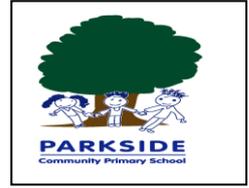




**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOX CLASS LETTER
TERMS 3 & 4**



Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year! We hope that you have all enjoyed the festive season and had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for the busy year ahead. The children are settling back into school well and are producing some very impressive work. We are continuing to work on our presentation, layout and handwriting, and are developing this in all areas of our work. We are also continuing to learn our times tables so that they can be recalled automatically, which really supports our learning in mathematics. We are really working hard and putting the PRIDE in our work at Parkside!

Term 3 In term 3 our topic is, 'The Ancient Mayan'. In our English lessons, our key text will be: 'The Chocolate Tree' a Mayan Folktale, by Linda Lowery & Janice Lee Porter.

As part of our topic we will be using our Art and DT skills to create 'Mayan God, Masks' using papier-mâché. We shall also be exploring the role the Mayans had in discovering the 'cocoa' bean and how important this ancient discovery is to us today, in the form of chocolate.

Our Science lessons are focussing on: 'Light' where we will be learning about; how light appears to travel in straight lines and use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.

Our Maths focus for this term is: Algebra, decimals and percentages. We will be multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000 and how this determines which way the decimal point moves.

Term 4

After half term, our term 4 topic is 'Our World' which is another geography focused topic, where we will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world and, Europe.

Our English key texts are: 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo, and 100 Steps – By Captain Tom Moore. As part of our topic we will be celebrating culture and seasonality and trying Pizza making and looking back at chocolate as we make Easter Crafts.

Our Science lessons will be focussing on: 'Living Things and Their Habitat' where we will be learning; how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.

Our Maths focus will be: Measurement, converting units. Measurement, perimeter, area and volume. Number and Ratio.

Fox Assemblies and Craft Sessions:

These are yet to be confirmed. Details will be sent out once the current Covid -19 guidance, allows.



Attendance: I would like to take this opportunity to remind you how important Year 6 is in helping your child transition to Secondary School and the role good attendance plays in optimising 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

We will respect and value every member of our community and welcome every visitor and treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves.

We will take ownership for our learning and be responsible for our own choices.

We will be kind and helpful to each other and respect each other's personal space.

We will keep ourselves and others safe and move safely around the school.

We will respect the school environment and learning resources.

Dates: TBC

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon so children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit. PE kits consist of dark shorts, coloured t-shirt (according to House colours) and plimsolls or trainers.

Homework

The children need to continue to practise their times tables and please remind them to use the Times Tables Rockstar website, which they have logins for, at home. They have weekly spellings, which they need to practise, as they have a spelling test on Wednesdays, SPAG and additional mathematics. Children are also expected to read at home at least five times a week for a minimum of 25 minutes.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Healthy snack and lunches

Please can I remind you, that this is a healthy school, so NO sugary drinks are to be brought into class in the children's water bottles.

Only fruit should be given at break times and please remember a healthy lunchbox is vital to keep your child's energy up, throughout the day.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with us then please make an appointment at the school office, telephone or speak to us after school.

Mrs Messenger and Mrs Johnson, Year 6 Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant.