



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOX CLASS LETTER
TERMS 5 & 6



21st April, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and managed to recharge your batteries ready for an exciting and fun summer term. Term 5 is an important term for Year 6 as the SATs exams begin on May 9th. So, please ensure that your child attends school every day, as absences and lateness, really do impact on their learning and progress. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, get plenty of fresh air and exercise and eat well – especially at breakfast time before coming into school! During SATS week, we will be offering free breakfasts to all Y6 children, so please do encourage your child to arrive early to school so that they can take part.

Term 5

Our term 5 topic is 'Our World Maps' which is another geography focused topic, where we will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world and, Europe.

Our English key text is continuing from last term: 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. As part of our topic we will be celebrating culture and seasonality and trying Pizza making in appreciation of all things Italian.

Our Science lessons are focussing on: 'Animals Including Humans' where we will be learning about; the main parts of the human circulatory system, and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

Our Maths focus for this term is: Geometry where we will be learning about the properties of shape, Problem solving, Statistics and continuing with our SATs revision.

Term 6

After half term, our term 6 topic is 'Deforestation and Physical geography' Which is another geography focused topic, where we will be learning about the impact of deforestation and climate change. We will also be conducting field studies as we take out learning outside the classroom and will be exploring further afield.

Our English key text are: 'Skellig' By David Almond and When I grow up – Tim Minchin.

We will also be covering our SRE (Sex and Relationships Education). Please check your emails for a letter detailing this and what will be covered. Please direct any questions you might have to me and I will be happy to answer them.

Our Maths focus will be: Statistics where the children will be looking at different ways of interpreting and presenting data, including line graphs which will cross over into our science recording.

Fox Assemblies and Craft Sessions:

TBC
Class assembly
Fox class outdoor education week
End of year production
Leavers service



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.

GREAT 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:

SATS week: Monday 11th May 2022.

PE

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

Homework

Your child should be revising Year 6 learning using BBC Bitesize SATS revision nightly, for a minimum of 30 minutes. They should revise SPAG, Comprehension and Mathematics daily. They will continue to have weekly spellings, which they need to practise in preparation for their spelling test on Wednesdays. They are also expected to read at home at least five times a week for a minimum of 30 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.

We are a nut free school! Please do not send your child in with any items that contain nuts due to allergies.

We are happy to speak to you If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with us but 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.