



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



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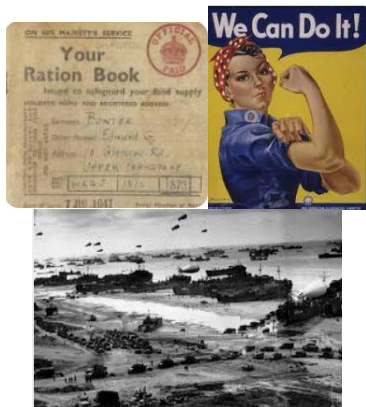
Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a good holiday. The children have already made a fantastic start to their learning and are showing what fantastic role models they are to the younger children in the school. This year, we are committed in ensuring your children continue to develop their knowledge and skills as independent learners, creative thinkers, reflective pupils, team workers and effective participators as they prepare for transition into secondary school.

Mrs Groombridge

**Term 3**

This term we are continuing our learning about World War 2, focussing on rationing, the role of women and D-Day.



In English, our writing focus will be non-chronological reports about rationing and entertainment in WW2. We will also be looking at persuasive writing linked to women playing their part in the war and writing newspaper reports about D-Day.

In maths we are learning ratio, algebra and revisiting decimals.

In science we will be learning about light and how it travels, what happens when light is reflected and what affects the length of a shadow.

**Term 4**

After half term, we will be starting a new topic called Our World. We will be looking at political and physical maps to learn about the geographical regions in the continents and the UK. We will also be learning about human economy and trading links and economic activity.



In English, we will be reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom' We will be using this text to write a balanced discussion, a report about basking sharks and then the children will be doing a fictional piece of writing.

In maths we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages; area, perimeter and volume; and statistics.

In science we will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will be classifying groups and looking at vertebrates and invertebrates as well as plants.

We will be going to the Forest School on Tuesday mornings. Forest school takes place in all weather conditions, where safe to do so and children should be dressed appropriately in suitable clothing e.g. hats, coats, gloves, socks, suncream etc. Sturdy footwear or wellies will also need to be worn.

Children may wear their forest school clothing to school.

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

At Parkside our behaviour is:

**Gentle hands and feet**  
**Respect others and their property**  
**Expect to work hard**  
**Always listen**  
**Talk kindly**



**Dates:**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of term 3**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Start of term 4**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Secondary school places sent to parents**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Reports sent home to parents**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Parents evening and end of term 4**

**PE**

PE will be on a **Wednesday and Thursday** so children will need to ensure they wear their PE kits to school on these days and not their uniform. PE kits consist of dark shorts, coloured t-shirt (according to House colours) and plimsolls or trainers.

**Homework**

Children are also expected to read at home at least five times a week for at least 20 minutes. They are expected to practice their times tables.

**REACH for the Stars**

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



**Healthy snack and lunches**

Children are provided with a bagel at break time. If children wish to bring their own snacks in from home, this must be either fruit or veggie sticks.

Packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a snack bar

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please make an appointment at the school office or send me a message on Class Dojo.

Mrs Groombridge  
Year 6 Class teacher

Maths Lead and  
Assessment Lead.