



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOX CLASS LETTER
TERMS 1 & 2



05/09/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. The children have already made a fantastic start to their final year at Parkside and are showing what fantastic role models they are to the younger children in the school. This year in year 6, 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.

Term 1

Our topic this term is The Maya – an ancient civilisation that lived in Mesoamerica and existed for around 3000 years. The children will be learning about Maya life, their number system, religious beliefs and civilisation changes.



In English, our writing focus will be instructions, writing information and explanation texts as well as reading and writing our own Maya tale.

In Maths we are learning the place value of digits up to 10,000,000. We are also revising the four operations – written methods of addition, subtraction, long multiplication and long division.

In Science we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. In particular we will be looking at how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environment and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

Term 2

After half term, we will be studying World War 2 as our topic. We will start by looking at the events that led to the outbreak of WW2 and how it was declared in Britain. We will then look at evacuation and the Blitz and the impact this had on Britain.



In English, we will be reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe' as well as extracts from Anne Frank's diary. We will also be writing our own newspaper reports and diary entries.

In Maths we will be looking at fractions – equivalent fractions, addition and subtraction of fractions, as well as how to multiply and divide fractions.

In Science we will be learning about electricity and the different functions of the components in an electrical circuit.

In Year 6, we will be going to the Forest School on Monday afternoons. The children will be split into two groups and go on alternating weeks. They will attend forest school in all weather conditions, where safe to do so and should be dressed appropriately in suitable clothing e.g. hats, coats, gloves, suncream etc. Sturdy footwear or wellies will also need to be worn. Your child 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:

Tuesday 26th September – Flu vaccines
Friday 6th October – Harvest Festival
Wednesday 18th October – School photos
Wednesday 18th October – Parents evening
Friday 20th October – End of term 1
Monday 30th October – Start of term 2
Tuesday 31st October – Deadline for secondary schools applications.
Friday 10th November – Remembrance assembly led by Y6
Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair
Thursday 7th December – Christmas jumper day
Thursday 14th December – Christmas party
Friday 15th December – End of term 2

PE

PE will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoon 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.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Homework

The children will be set times tables and spellings on a Monday to practise at home so they are ready for a short test the following Friday. Children are also expected to read at home at least five times a week.

Healthy snack and lunches

Children are provided with a bagel at breaktime. 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 snackbar

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.

Miss Murphy
Year 6 Class teacher and
Assessment Lead.