



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEDGEHOG CLASS LETTER



TERMS 3 & 4 

Friday 14th January 2022

Term 3

This term in Topic and English, we will be focussing on Toys. We will be exploring toys, old and new and thinking about how they have changed over time. We will write instructions on how to make a sandwich for a Teddy bears picnic and how to rescue Old Bear from the attic. We will also be learning to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials according to their physical properties.

Maths: In term 4, we will focus on Number and place value within 50, Addition and subtraction within 20 and some measurement including height, length, weight and volume. It is important that the children accurately count forwards and backwards to 20 or higher, please practice at home. They are also consolidating their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and learning them to 20; counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Term 4

In term 4 for Topic and English, we will be focussing on using onomatopoeic words and descriptive language to write about different landscapes. We will begin to know basic geographical vocabulary that refer to key physical and human features. Furthermore, the children will be able to observe and describe weather associated with the seasons.

Maths: In term 4, we will have our first encounter with multiplication and division. We will do more work on measurement, including starting to tell the time and we will be learning about money. We will cover fractions and shape and the Number and Place Value focus will expand to within 100.

PE takes place twice a week and is on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Your child should come to school dressed in their P.E. Kit including their house colour top. Jewellery must be removed (especially earrings).



We would like to achieve the 100% Attendance Certificate for the next two academic terms and in order to achieve this **all children need to be in school every day**. Not just for the certificate and rewards but **for their learning and overall involvement with the class including friends**. It really is essential that children are regular attenders as **low attendance has a huge impact on a child's learning**. Given the huge disruption the children have already faced since last year, please ensure that your child is in school at 8.40am to start promptly at 8.50am each day. **Late arrivals really do have an impact on your child and the rest of the class and often means they have missed the first teacher lead input of the day**. Thank you. 😊

We take PRIDE in our school and uniform so please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing a clean uniform. Your child should arrive each day wearing appropriate weather proof shoes. **Until it is actually Summer, please send your child to school with a coat**, it's sunny but still chilly out there and the children **go out for morning play and lunchtime; come rain or shine!** Sun-cream should be applied at home before they come to school as we are not able to apply it. I would also like to remind parents that children should not be wearing nail varnish to school or be bringing in toys unless previously agreed with the class teacher.

Golden Rules GREAT

Gentle hands and feet.

Really listen carefully without interrupting.

Expect to work hard.

Always tell the truth and be a good friend.

Treat resources with respect and tidy away.

Please read with your child each night to help them build their phonic knowledge and skills. We will NOT move children onto a new book until they can read their current one fluently so it is essential that you practise with them at home. **This means daily practise of the sounds until they can read the whole word and sentence fluently**. Just saying the sounds in order is not reading so please keep practising until they can read with confidence.

Talk about the story and characters and use 'book talk' as much as possible (e.g. "What just happened? Why do you think they said/did that?") Play phonic spotter games with your child using their reading book or other favourite books at home to help them spot sounds in words and find tricky words embedded in text.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Children in Hedgehog Class are given fruit at snack time so there is no need to send in additional snacks unless they have a specific dietary requirement that the school is aware of.

Packed lunches should be **healthy** & consist of a sandwich (or the like), **low sugar** yoghurt or pudding and at least **two pieces of fruit (please cut grapes in half to avoid choking)**. No biscuits, sweets or chocolate as the sugar content can impact mood & behaviour.

Parkside is a 'No Nuts' school; we have pupils and staff members who are allergic.

REMINDERS: If you have arranged for another person to collect your child from school then please remember to let us know.

We will **NOT** release a child to an adult unless we have your permission to do so!

Water bottles can be sent in daily but they must only contain WATER and be taken home each evening to be thoroughly washed and returned.