




PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HEDGEHOG CLASS LETTER



TERMS 5 & 6 

Term 5

In Topic and English, we will be acting out and adapting the story 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt', focusing on developing use of adjectives and onomatopoeic words. We will further develop our knowledge of conjunctions and how to use them to extend and add detail to sentences when writing stories. The children will also write a non-chronological report focusing on different habitats around the world and the animals that reside there.

**Maths:** We will continue our focus on multiplication and division and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Please help your child to learn these; there are many great Youtube videos out there to support this! We will also continue our focus on length and height using standard and non-standard measurements. Our class focus for this term is developing skills to work independently!

Term 6

In Topic and English, we will learn about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and various other texts related to animals and plants. The children will spend this term, refining their writing skills with a focus on extending sentences and writing for sustained amounts of time. Additionally, we will create poetry using our science topic as a stimulus, to develop language skills to use rhyme and repetition to create effect.

**Maths:** In our final term, the children will consolidate all maths themes studied throughout the year, with a focus on the four operations and using resources to solve problems independently. We will continue to develop an understanding of place value and using maths in the environment to support problem solving and reasoning skills.

In science, we will learn how to identify and describe roots, flowers and the basic structure of a variety of common plants. The children will explore animals and their habitats, linked to geography to develop skills to locate and name physical features of the environment. In RE, our learning question is 'Who is Jewish and what do they believe?'. We will find out about the traditions and beliefs of Judaism and examine real artefacts to gain an understanding of the religion. Our Art topic will focus on an artist called Alberto Giacometti who made interesting sculptures from clay and continue to develop our still life drawing techniques. In ICT, we will begin to develop our understanding of programming and algorithms; programming a BeeBot to travel from one point to another.

**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.**



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 weatherproof shoes. **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.

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 cannot release a child to an adult unless we have your permission to do so!

**Now the weather is warming up: 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.**

### **REACH for the Stars**

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



### **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.