



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**HEDGEHOG CLASS LETTER**  
**TERMS 1 & 2**



September, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic summer holiday. I am very pleased to welcome the children back to school for their first term in Hedgehog Class. The children have made an excellent start to Year 1 already and have shown great enthusiasm for school and their learning. Currently, lots of the children's learning is practical, learning through playing and exploring; this is a crucial part of the transition process from Reception into Year One. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children this year and I look forward to seeing the children progress.

Mrs Keegan

### Term 1

This term our topic is The Seasons and Weather and our lead text is The Little Red Hen.

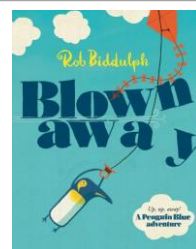
We have already started learning the story in class and the children are enjoying retelling the story with Makaton signing to support this.

In maths we will be focusing on number and place value and then move on to addition and subtraction.

In science we are learning about animals including humans, identifying and naming a range of common animals and learning about basic needs including nutrition and exercise.

In design technology we are going to be making fresh bread just like The Little Red Hen in our story and then write the instructions for this.

In RE we are going to be exploring 'What makes people special?'



### Term 2

After half term our lead texts are Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers and Blown Away by Rob Biddulph. Both stories feature penguin characters and will support our geography learning about climates in hot and cold countries, and our science learning about seasonal changes.

In maths we will be consolidating our addition and subtraction skills, before moving on to learn about shapes and their properties. In our RE we will be learning about how people in different countries celebrate Christmas. This will also allow us to create lots of fantastic art and design technology work linked to Christmas.



**Forest School is on Monday afternoons.**

Please send your child to school with suitable clothing and wellies to change into, thank you.

**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 100% attendance to ensure our best possible learning is able to take place. It is also important that children arrive at 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 that 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 shorts/summer dress when it is warmer) and black school shoes.



PE will be on **Wednesday** mornings and **Friday** afternoons. On the days that your child has PE they will need to come into school in their PE top (house colours), either navy/black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, a school jumper/cardigan and either trainers or plimsolls.

**Healthy snack and lunches**

Fruit and vegetable snacks are provided for KS1 children so you do not need to pack additional fruit unless you wish to. Packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a snack bar. REMINDER – we are a nut free school so please do not send your children in with any items that contain nuts as we have members of our school community with serious nut allergies.

**REACH for the Stars**



Resilience



Effort



Aspiration



Courtesy



Honesty

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

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please speak to me after school or make an appointment at the school office.

Mrs Keegan  
Year 1 Hedgehog Class teacher