



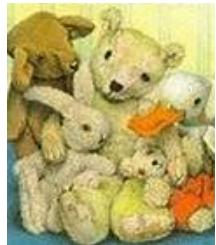
PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL HEDGEHOG CLASS LETTER

TERMS 3 & 4



Friday 16th January 2026

Term 3



This term in History and English, our topic is Toys, with our lead text being 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. 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: We will be focusing on Place Value within 20, and addition and subtraction within 20. It is important that the children accurately count forwards and backwards to 20, counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Please practice this at home. They are also consolidating their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and learning them to 20, doubling amounts, and problem solving.

Term 4

During term 4 in English and Geography, we will be focusing on using onomatopoeic words and descriptive language to write about different landscapes. Our lead text will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will begin to learn basic geographical vocabulary that refers to key physical and human features.



The children will also be learning how to protect their immediate environment, including recycling rubbish.

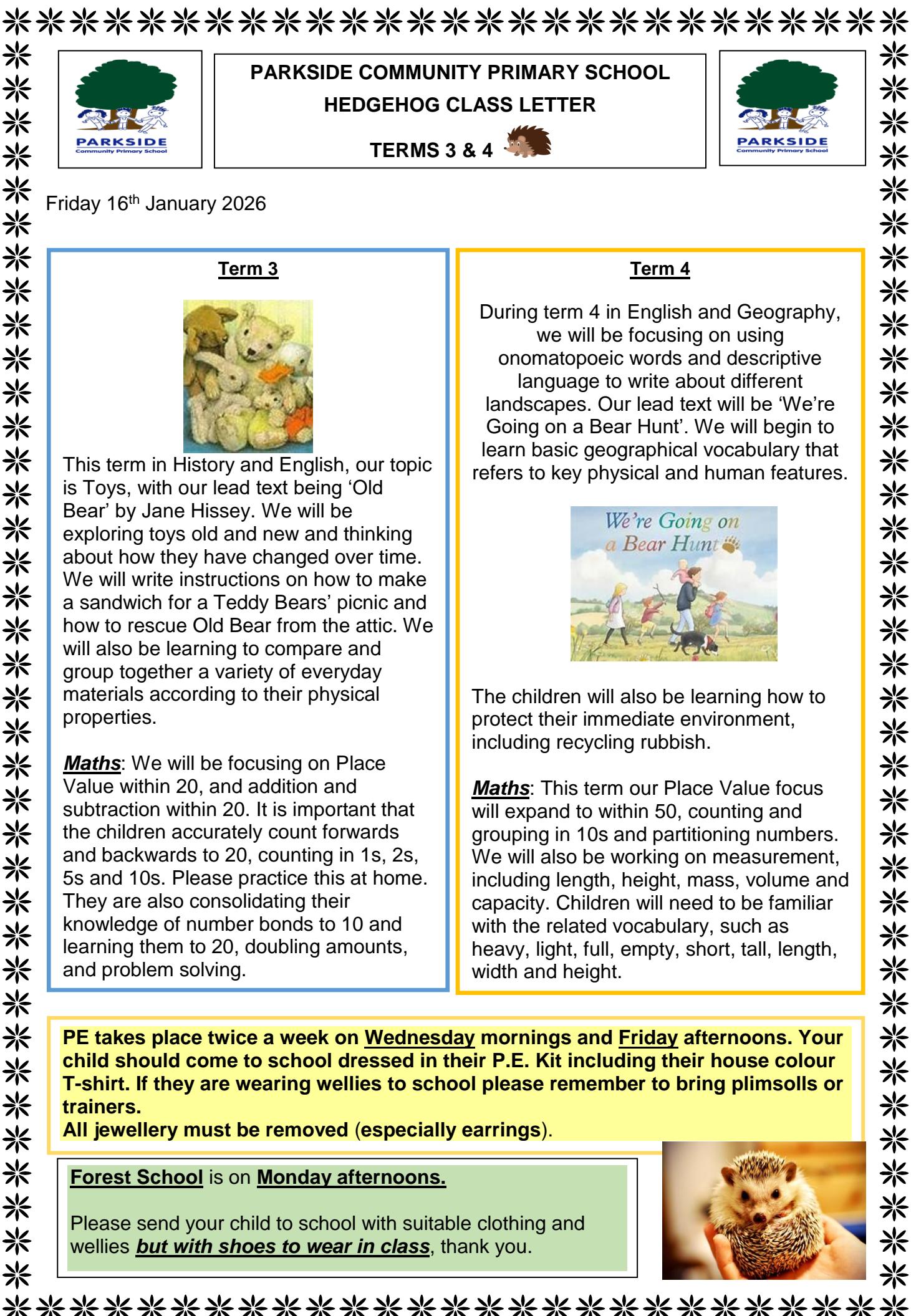
Maths: This term our Place Value focus will expand to within 50, counting and grouping in 10s and partitioning numbers. We will also be working on measurement, including length, height, mass, volume and capacity. Children will need to be familiar with the related vocabulary, such as heavy, light, full, empty, short, tall, length, width and height.

PE takes place twice a week on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. Your child should come to school dressed in their P.E. Kit including their house colour T-shirt. If they are wearing wellies to school please remember to bring plimsolls or trainers.

All jewellery must be removed (especially earrings).

Forest School is on Monday afternoons.

Please send your child to school with suitable clothing and wellies **but with shoes to wear in class**, thank you.

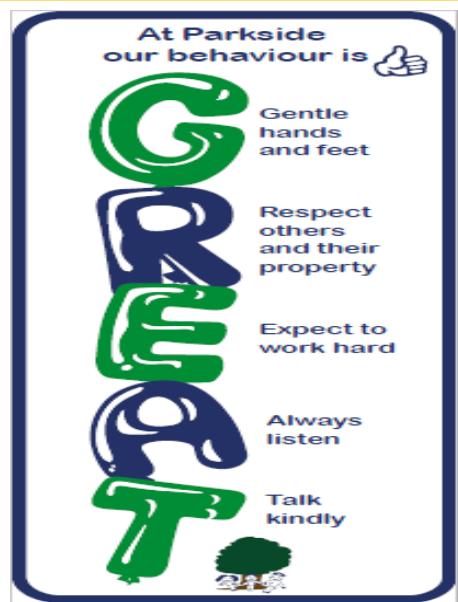


We would like to win the Attendance Prize for the next two academic terms and in order to achieve this **all children need to be in school every day**; not just for the rewards but **for the children's learning and overall involvement with the class, including making and maintaining friendships**.

It really is essential that children are regular attenders as **low attendance has a huge impact on a child's learning and social skills**. 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 the correct uniform. Your child should arrive each day wearing appropriate weather proof shoes. **Please send your child to school with a coat**, even if it is sunny; 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.



Please read with your child each night and bring book bags to school daily to help them to build their phonic knowledge and skills.

Your child will have a reading book matched to their reading level that they will have already read with an adult at school, and a book that they have chosen themselves from the book corner or library. They are not expected to be able to read their library book, they are for you to share with your child.

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? What do you think might happen next?) 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 into smaller pieces to avoid choking)**. No biscuits, sweets or chocolate please as the sugar content can impact mood & behaviour.

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

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 a different adult unless we have your permission to do so!



Don't forget to check **Class Dojo** for reminders and updates. If you need support to log on please let me know.