
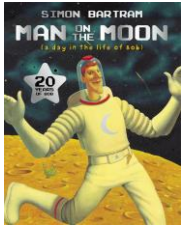
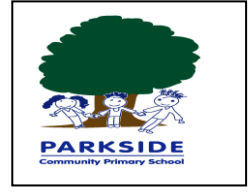


**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

HEDGEHOG CLASS LETTER

TERMS 5 & 6 



Term 5

Our lead text this term is 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will be focusing on creative writing about fantasy worlds. We will further develop our knowledge of adjectives and conjunctions, and how to use them to extend and add detail to sentences when writing stories. The children will also write instructions for making rockets. We will be finding out about the history of space travel and famous astronauts.

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 be working on fractions, and in geometry looking at position and direction. Our class focus for this term is developing skills to work independently!

Term 6

In English and history, we will be focusing on 'The Pencil' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and 'The Diary of a Worm' to support our learning about animal lifecycles. The children will spend this term refining their writing skills with a focus on extending sentences and writing for sustained periods of time. Additionally, we will be writing recounts, diary entries, labelling plants and animals, and writing fact files.

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, working within 100.

In measurement we will be learning more about money and time.

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 and lifecycles.

Our enquiry question in RE is 'What can we learn from stories?' We will read stories and fables from different cultures and religions, thinking about the morals and lessons that these contain.

Our Art focus will be on the media of printing in term 5 and sculpture in term 6. In computing, we will be creating media, focusing on digital writing- creating and changing text, using different tools.

PE takes place twice a week and is on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. Your child should come to school dressed in their P.E. Kit including their house colour t shirt. 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 social skills and maintaining friendships**.

It really is essential that children are regular attenders as **low attendance has a huge impact on a child's academic progress**. 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**, 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 to avoid choking)**. No biscuits, sweets or chocolate as the sugar content can impact children's mood & behaviour.

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!

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

Forest School is on Monday afternoons.

Please send your child to school with suitable clothing and **wellies**, thank you



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Community Primary School

At Parkside
our behaviour is 👍



Gentle hands and feet

Respect others and their property

Expect to work hard

Always listen

Talk kindly