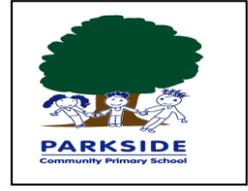


PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OTTER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 5 & 6



April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your families enjoyed the Easter break and the lovely weather. Last term we enjoyed our Owl workshop during our trip to the Museum of Kent Life. Your children demonstrated the school values throughout the day and it enabled them to consolidate their learning about owls. We look forward to continuing our learning journey with your children and have lots of fun learning opportunities planned.

Term 5

Our topic this term is:
'Julia Donaldson'

This term we will be looking at a range of texts written by Julia Donaldson, we will find out about her as an author and use her books to develop our writing of character descriptions and story writing.

In Maths we will be consolidating our learning on place value and having fun with pictograms and block graphs.

In our topic this term we will have a geography focus and will be looking at the features of maps and looking at our local area. We will be completing some art around the Julia Donaldson books.

In Science we are continuing to learn about animals including humans. This term we will be finding out how we can keep fit and healthy, thinking about our diet, exercise and hygiene.

Term 6

Our topic this term is:
'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'

Our key text around this topic for English is 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. We will be looking at writing our own stories and non-fiction texts including newspapers and leaflets.

In Maths we will be learning to measure in centimeters, grams and millilitres. We will also be using all of our learning from the year to become brilliant maths problem solvers.

In our topic this term we will be keeping the seaside theme and looking at the features of the beach and famous pirates. We are hoping to take a trip to the seaside.

Our Science topic is plants, we will be learning about seeds, parts of a plant, plant life cycles and growing our own plants to find out what plants need to grow healthily.



ATTENDANCE

Your child's learning is very important so please support them in making sure that they come to school every day and that they arrive at the start of the school day – which is **8.40am**. Please note the door closes at **8.55am**- after this time you will need to go to the office.

UNIFORM

The children are all looking very smart in their uniform. Please ensure your child's school uniform and coats are all named so that they can be returned to them if they get lost. Please do ask us or the office if you have queries about the uniform.

Otter Class Rules

- ❖ I will respect school property.
- ❖ I will work at my table and work independently when I need to.
- ❖ I will focus on my learning and let others learn.
- ❖ I will use kind words and actions towards all adults and children.
- ❖ I will listen to all adults in the classroom.
- ❖ I will be honest even when I make mistakes
- ❖ I will move around the classroom safely

Dates

Friday 1st July- Craft Day
Friday 27th May- Jubilee Celebrations
Sports Week- Week beginning 20th June
11th July- Science Day

Class assembly day- TBC

PE will be on Monday and Friday. We will be developing our understanding of invasion games. Your child should come into school in their school PE kit which they will wear all day. T-shirts in your child's house colour are available from the office.

If you have any questions or concerns. We are available at the end of the day or you can make an appointment to see us via the office.

REACH for the Stars



Healthy snack and lunches

Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit every day for their break time.

We are promoting being a healthy school and as such please ensure pack lunches include some of the following: something savoury, for example sandwich or wrap, something sweet- for example yoghurt and a piece of fruit and a bottle of water.

Homework and Reading

Maths: Your child will have a piece of maths homework each Tuesday. **9 pieces completed equals a treat from the prize tin!!**

Spelling: Your child will have 5 spellings to learn a week. Please practice these with them.

Reading: We hope your children are enjoying reading their books online. Do let us know if you have any trouble accessing this.