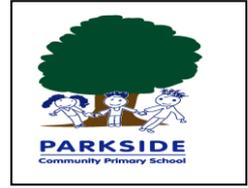




PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OTTER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 3 & 4



Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely two terms - thankfully undisrupted by COVID. Your children have settled in really well and it is good to see the progress that they have been making. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the assembly and we look forward to presenting more learning to you again soon.

Mrs Sandham and Miss Thompson

Term 3

Our topic this term is:
'The Great Fire of London'

Our key text around this topic for English is 'Toby and The Great Fire of London'. We will be looking at the features of a recount, writing diary entries and creating information texts about the fire.

In Maths we will be learning to multiply and divide and discovering all about fractions. We hope the children are getting on well with their Times Tables Rock Stars challenges. Do let us know if you have any issues logging on and we are looking forward to seeing their progress.

In our topic this term we will be looking at the events of The Great Fire of London and comparing life now and then.

In Science we will continue to explore materials and their properties. We have lots of investigations to carry out including- how to fill a hole in a bucket, finding tights that stretch the most and discovering the best material for bouncy trainers.

Term 4

Our topic this term is:
'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark'

Our key text around this topic for English is 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. We will be looking at the features of a non-chronological and writing extended stories.

In Maths we will be learning about shape and measurement and reviewing our learning of the four operations.

In our topic this term we will be comparing our local area with Brazil. Sadly we won't be going on a trip there!!

Our Science topic will be animals including humans. We will be finding out about the life cycles of animals including ourselves. We will discover what animals need to survive and learning about the importance of exercise and diet.



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**.

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

There will be an assembly where the children will teach you all that they have learnt about the Great Fire of London. We will confirm the date with you as soon as possible.

We will be going on a trip as part of our Term 4 topic and we will let you know the dates as soon as we can. We will also be inviting you to come in to help with some art work during Term 4 when we will be making animal masks.

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

As your children settle in and throughout the term please speak to us 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.