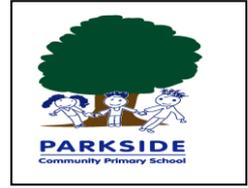




PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OTTER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 1 & 2



7th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are incredibly excited to welcome you and your children to Otter Class and look forward to the year ahead. This year your child will have two teachers, Mrs Sandham Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Miss Thompson Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Miss Adams and Mrs Hardie are the teaching assistants who will be supporting the children with their learning.

Term 1

Our topic this term is:
'Wriggle and Crawl'.

Our WOW moment will involve us going on a minibeast hunt around the school and finding out about the different habitats. We will be searching for 'Lost Caterpillars' and finding out about what plants and animals need to survive.

Our key text around this topic for English is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will be looking at the main events and developing our vocabulary. We will retell the story and have a go at writing our own alternative version.

In Maths we will be learning all about numbers – so we can order them, partition, add and subtract. Your children will also have their own Next Steps Folders where they will work on individual maths targets.

Term 2

Our topic this term is:
'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'

In Term 2 our WOW moment will hopefully involve a trip to a local castle, guidance permitting. We will be finding out about the parts of a castle and who may have lived in a castle.

In Science we will be looking at the uses of everyday materials. We will be investigating many different types of material to find out about their many properties.

Our key text around this topic for English will link to traditional tales involving towers and tunnels.

In Maths we will be finding out how to add and subtract money and multiply and divide.



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, coats and PE kit are all named so that it can be returned to them if it gets lost.

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

- 18th September 2020- Jeans for Genes day
- 25th September 2020- McMillan Coffee morning
- 2nd October 2020- Harvest service TBC
- 9th October 2020- Careers Day
- 2nd November- Individual photographs
- 4th November- Parents Evening

PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons. We will be practising our ball skills and learning new gymnastics 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.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to us at the end of the day or make an appointment to see us at the school office.

REACH for the Stars



Healthy snack and lunches

The children in Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit every day for their break time.

Year 3 children must bring in their own fruit.

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 will be sending reading books home on a Wednesday and books will be changed on a Friday. Please read with your child daily.