



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OTTER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 5 and 6



Dear Parents and Carers

26th April 2021

We are looking forward to the next two terms and school being more 'normal'. We are sure the children will make great progress as they continue to work hard. We are also very excited about our new Forest School area and nature trail. We hope to make use of these and get the children involved in outdoor learning as soon as the necessary risk assessments are complete. In the meantime we will continue to make use of the outside areas

Term 5

Our topic this term is:
'The Scented Garden'

Our WOW moment will involve us having a walk around our new nature trail and forest area to identify a variety of plants and flowers coming into bloom. We will be labelling parts of a plant and creating artwork using different media.

In English we will be gathering research about plants and using this to create non chronological reports. We will also be writing newspaper reports linked to the story 'The Enormous Turnip'.

In Maths we will be looking at statistics - this means that we will be looking at and making pictograms, tally charts and bar graphs. We will also be reviewing our learning on 2D and 3D shapes.

In Science we will be learning about plants and investigating what seeds need to grow into healthy plants.

Term 6

Our topic this term is:
'Land Ahoy!'

Our WOW moment will hopefully involve us going to the local beach. We will be looking at what a boat needs to float and investigating different ways they can be made. We will also be finding out and writing about famous pirates.

In English we will be looking at James Cooke and writing fact files about his significance in history. We will be writing pirate poems and planning and writing our own pirate stories.

In Maths we will be looking at measurement including length, mass, capacity and temperature. We will also be improving our time telling.

In Science we will be focusing on the life cycle of humans and finding out how to keep healthy looking at our diet, exercise and hygiene.



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**. The children enjoy getting the daily 100% attendance certificates awarded to the class.

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. School uniform should include grey/ black trousers, white polo shirt and a navy cardigan/ jumper which can be purchased from the school office with a logo.

At Parkside our school is GREAT....

G - Gentle hands and feet

R - Respect others and their property

E - Expect to work hard

A - Always listen

T - Talk kindly

Dates

Beach trip date- TBC
We will send more information about dates for your diary. Don't forget to check the class email:

otterclass@parkside.kent.sch.uk

PE

PE will be on Monday afternoon and Friday mornings. We will also be having tennis sessions on a Wednesday morning. Please remember to send your child in wearing their PE kit, including their house colour t-shirt.

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 or you can contact us on the class email address.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



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 weekly. Please make sure you read with your child and sign their reading record.