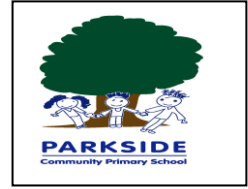




PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OTTER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 5 & 6



April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are eager excited to be returning for the summer term. As part of the next two terms we are planning to bring learning to life by taking the children to The Tower of London next Wednesday the 24th April and in term 6, to a local beach for the day (Date to be confirmed). These school outings, help children fully immerse themselves in the terms topics and provide them with wonderful learning outside the classroom experiences.

Term 5

Our topic this term is:
'Castles, Kings and Queens'

This term we will be using a range of non-fiction and first-hand experience to explore what castles are and who would have live in them in the past. We will be writing information text and recounts about our trip to The Tower of London as well as delving deeper into our historical past.

In maths, we will be working hard on our new topics, measurement and fractions. The children will learn how to weigh different items in grams and kilograms, as well as identifying halves and quarters.

In geography and history, we will be continuing with our Castle, Kings and Queens's topic. We will be designing and making a tapestry, labelling the parts of a castle and constructing castles out of junk modelling materials.

In science we are going to be learning 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

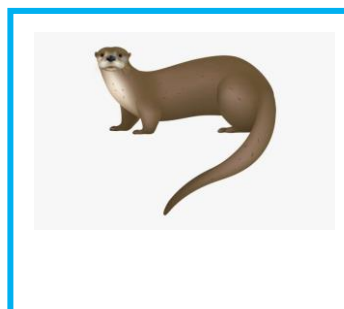
Our topic this term is:
'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'

Our key text in English is 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' by David Armitage and Ronda Armitage. We will be writing our own sea inspired stories, non-fiction texts including newspapers and leaflets and exploring the English tradition of the seaside postcard.

In maths we will be learning to tell the time as well as understand position and direction. The children will be learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes, as well as begin to think about giving directions using left and right.

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. Also, late arrivals are very disruptive for them so please ensure they arrive at the start of the school day – which is **8.40am** and finish **3.10pm**. We offer a free breakfast club so please make use of this, especially if you find it difficult to get your child to school on time.

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child attends school every day in their school uniform. All uniform, boots and coats should be named so that it can be returned to them in the event that it gets lost. Please do ask us or the office if you have queries about the uniform.



Dates for your diary see Class Dojo for updates

Wednesday 24th April, The Tower of London visit

Friday 26th April, Paul Deslandes, author visit.

Monday 6th May, Bank Holiday, school closed

Friday 24th May, Last day of term 5.

Monday 3rd June, Start of term 6.

Friday 19th July, End of term 6 for pupils.

PE will be on Wednesday and Thursdays. Children are to wear their PE kit, which they will wear all day. T-shirts in your child's house colour are available from the office. Forest School is not optional. It is on Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings in wellie boots and is suitably dressed for all types of weather.



REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Healthy snack and lunches

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

We are a healthy school and as such please ensure pack lunches include some of the following:

- ✓ Something savoury, for example, a sandwich or wrap.
- ✓ Something sweet, for example, a yoghurt and fruit and a bottle of water.

Homework and Reading

Maths: Your child will times table homework each week. Your child should now be confident recalling the 2, 5 and 10X tables and now should be learning the 3X table.

Spelling: Your child will bring home spellings linked to our phonics on Mondays. Please help your child by helping them to practise them for a test on Friday.

Reading: Your child will be assigned a phonics reading book in class and heard read 3 times a week. The book can then go home for extra reading practice and then returned once read.