



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OWL CLASS LETTER
TERMS 3 & 4



Friday 14th January, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you have all had a lovely and festive Christmas holiday. I am very excited for the terms ahead and have so many wonderful things planned which include creating our very own Roman shields, making electrical circuits and plenty of outdoor learning opportunities. The children had a phenomenal start to the year and have worked incredibly hard in lessons and I can't wait for them to continue to show me what absolute super stars they are.

Term 1

In term 1 our topic is The Romans. In our English lessons, our first key texts will be 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit, where we will be learning about the catastrophic events surrounding the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Then, we will be looking at 'Thieves of Ostia' by Caroline Lawrence followed by 'Julius Zebra' by Gary Northfield. A mixture of fiction and non-fiction books exploring what life would have been like during The Roman times.

In maths, we will be continuing practicing our times tables and division facts before moving onto fractions in the next couple of weeks. I would like to take this time to remind you of our school's TT Rock Stars account where children have the chance to practice, play and challenge their friends and teachers. If you need a copy of your child's log in details please feel free to ask me.

In Science, we will be investigating electricity and the children will have the chance to create their own circuits.

Term 2

After half term, we will continue exploring the lives of the Romans, this time focussing on their invasions.

In English we will be reading the book 'Down with the Romans' by Stewart Ross, a fiction book that tells the tragic tale of the ancient queen Boudicca.

In math, our main focus will be fractions, more specifically converting improper and mixed number fractions as well as adding and subtracting them.

For Science, we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will be spending most lessons on the playground exploring the living things in our school environment.



Attendance: I would like to take this opportunity to remind you how important good attendance is for optimum learning and progress. At Parkside, we aim for 95% attendance or more to ensure our best possible learning is able to take place. It is also important that children arrive to school on time so they start their day in the best possible way and are ready to start their learning with the rest of their class.

Uniform:

This is a reminder that all children should be wearing the correct school uniform. This consists of: Parkside School jumper so children can take pride in our school logo (or a navy jumper/cardigan), a white shirt or blouse, grey/black trousers or a skirt (or shorts/summer dress when it is warmer) and black school shoes.

Golden Rules

We will respect and value every member of our community and welcome every visitor.

We will take ownership for our learning and be responsible for our own choices.

We will try our best in everything that we do and allow others to do the same.

We will keep ourselves and others safe and move safely around the school.

We will respect the school environment and learning resources.

Dates:

11th February – End of Term 3
21st February – Start of Term 4
25th March – Roman Workshop
1st April – End of Term 4



PE

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday, children should come to school in their PE kits and with suitable footwear. During Term 3, Friday's PE lesson will consist of swimming in the morning. A flier has already been sent about this but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Homework

The children will be set times tables, spellings and maths homework on a Friday to practise at home so they are ready for a short test the following Friday. Children are also expected to read at home at least five times a week.

REACH for the Stars

★ Resilience ★
★ Effort ★
★ Aspiration ★
★ Courtesy ★
★ Honesty ★

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Healthy snack and lunches

Children may continue to buy tuck which is a selection of fruit. If children wish to bring their own snacks in from home, this must be either fruit or veggie sticks. Packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a snackbar.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please make an appointment at the school office or speak to me after school.

Mrs Fell
Year 4/5 Class teacher
and Humanities Lead.