



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**OWL CLASS LETTER**  
**TERMS 5 & 6**



April, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5, I hope you had a fantastic Easter holidays. I am very much looking forward to the terms ahead and have so many wonderful things planned which include; creating Iron Man inspired robots, exploring the country we live in and creating volcanic eruptions. So far the children have worked incredibly hard in lessons and I can't wait for them to continue to show me what absolute super stars they are as our year together comes to an end.

**Term 5**

In Term 5, our Topic is England: North and South and as part of this, in English, we will be looking at English author Ted Hughes 'The Iron Man'. The children will be writing detailed character descriptions before writing and acting out a play script from the point of view the farmers in our story. Later in the Term they will have the opportunity to explore the Iron Man's heroic efforts and write a newspaper reporting the events in the story to their peers.

In maths, we will be looking at focusing on decimals including; comparing and ordering them. The children will also be learning about money; how to add it together and subtract. The children will be putting this into practice during a 'shopping' lesson later in the Term. Towards the end of the Term, the children will start our unit of time.

In Science, we will be continuing exploring living things and their habitats focusing primarily on classification. I am hoping to organise a trip themed around this Topic over the next two terms.

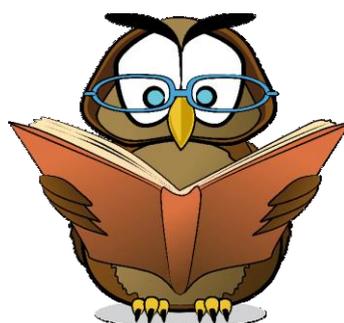
**Term 6**

After half term, we will be moving onto our 'Natural disasters' Topic where children will have the opportunity to create exploding volcanoes, tornadoes in a bottle and experience life during an earthquake drill.

In English we will be focussing on a range of different fiction and non-fiction texts relating to our Topic. The children will be writing their own poems inspired by volcano eruptions and write a recount of the events of Pompeii. Finally, we will end the year with children's very own creative writing stories based around a natural disaster – something I know the children will be very excited about.

In maths, our main focus will be time and statistics, where children will be recording data through a variety of charts and graphs.

In Science, we will be looking at the human body with a focus on the digestive system and teeth.



**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.

**At Parkside our behaviour is GREAT**

- Gentle hands and feet.
- Respect others and their property.
- Expect to work hard.
- Always listen.
- Talk Kindly.

**Times Tables**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, as a school, we have signed up to Times Tables Rock Stars. We have been doing this in class and the children love the competitiveness and I am seeing a huge improvement in engagement and recall of times tables as a result. Please encourage your children to play on TTRS at home. If you need a copy of your child's log in details please don't hesitate to ask.

**PE**

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday, children should come to school in their PE kits and with suitable footwear.

**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 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



**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.