



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
PRIMARY SCHOOL
OWL CLASS LETTER
TERMS 1 & 2**



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm really pleased to welcome you to the new school year and to Owl Class! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and are ready for the year ahead. The children are starting to learn how to be responsible members of school, as part of Upper Key Stage 2, and are settling into their everyday routines and learning. We have a busy year ahead and I look forward to seeing the children learn and achieve.
Mrs Williams

Term 1

In term 1 our topic is the Anglo Saxons. The children will be exploring who the Anglo Saxons were and where did they come from. We will also be learning about daily Anglo Saxon life, what a typical village was like and the achievements of the great King Alfred of Wessex.

Our English work will link with our topic work as we will be looking at Michael Morpurgo's 'Beowulf'. This will open up lots of writing opportunities for the children including diary writing, character description, persuasive writing and a short narrative piece.

In maths we will be focusing on the place value of numbers to 1,000,000 and then learning the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In science we will be learning about Space and looking at the planets in our solar system, the movement of the Earth in relation to the Sun and how day and night occurs.

Forest School is on every Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather, and have suitable shoes/boots to allow them to play safely and long sleeves and trousers.

Term 2

After half term, we will continue to learn about the Anglo Saxons but will be focussing on their links to Canterbury Cathedral. We will hopefully visit Canterbury Cathedral and learn about the importance of the city as part of our local history learning.

In English we will be writing non-chronological reports linked to our topic, instruction writing for Christingles and a newspaper report.

In maths we will be learning about fractions, looking at equivalent fractions, converting fractions and adding and subtracting fractions.

In science, we will be learning about Properties and Changes of Materials. Many of these lessons will be practical as the children will be participating in experiments.



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 short/summer dress when it is warmer) and black school shoes.

Attendance: Please may I remind you all 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 very important that children arrive at school on time, so they start their day in the best possible way and feel settled and ready to start their learning with the rest of their class.

Golden Rules

Always be kind and courteous to one another.

Try and be honest at all times.

If at first you don't succeed, try again!

We will all aspire to be the best that we can be!



Healthy snack and lunches

Children are provided with a bagel at breaktime. 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

REACH for the Stars



PE

PE will be on a Monday afternoon and Thursday morning in Term 1 and 2, so children will need to ensure they wear their PE kits to school on these days and not their uniform.

PE kits consist of dark shorts, coloured t-shirt (according to House colours) and plimsolls or trainers.

Key dates:

Wednesday 24th September – Flu vaccines

Wednesday 15th October- Parents' Evening- 2.30pm- 7.00pm

Friday 17th October- end of Term 1

Monday 27th October- beginning of Term 2

Friday 5th December- Christmas Fair

Wednesday 17th December- Christmas Party day

Thursday 18th December- end of Term 2

Homework

The children will be set times tables and spellings on a Monday 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.

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.

***Many thanks,
Mrs Williams***