



**PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**OWL CLASS LETTER**  
**TERM 5**



21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued patience during this period. As you know, school continues to be closed to most children so we will be setting weekly suggested activities and posting videos on the Year Group Page on the school website to help you with ideas for learning at home. If you would like to share with the rest of the year group what you've been up to at home then please do email pictures, photos or documents to the school office or drop them in to school if you are able to – we would love to see what the children have been up to!

Dear children,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I must admit that I am missing each and every one of you. I am missing seeing your smiling faces every day and the laughter and fun we have in our classroom. I am in school every Friday this term and I aiming to phone you all for a catch up and hear all about what you have been up to. Hopefully it won't be much longer before we are back together as Owls making each other laugh and smile. Until then, keep safe and look after yourselves.

Miss Murphy ☺

### Term 5

This Term we were going to begin our topic of 'Hola Mexico!' Our focus book is 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. It is a fantastic book and one you will never forget (trust me!) It is available on Amazon so if you are able to order a copy, I strongly recommend it and guarantee you won't be disappointed!

Below are a list of some fun activities that you can do at home either by yourself, with your siblings or as a whole family and enjoy learning about Mexico:

- **Research Mexican festivals – the Day of the Dead is particularly fascinating! Design an information poster with pictures all about the Day of the Dead.**
- **Make a Day of the Dead skull – for an extra challenge, can you make it 3D?**
- **Have a go at making some Mexican food – e.g. guacamole, tacos, nachos or fajitas (feel free to drop some in to school for us to try!)**
- **Research Ancient Mayan deities.**
- **Find out all about the landscape of Mexico and create a factfile.**
- **Learn La Cucaracha – can you make your own homemade instruments and perform the song to your family? Ideas for an instrument include: simple drums, guitars, shakers – from everyday household objects, like plastic bottles, elastic bands, and rice.**
- **Design and build a Maya temple using junk materials, such as cardboard boxes, newspaper and card.**

- Plan an imaginary trip or holiday to Mexico. Look at holiday brochures or research online. How many ways are there to get there? How long would it take? How much would it cost? Make an itinerary for your trip, showing what you would like to see and do while you are there.
- In Mexico, the most common spoken language is Spanish. Can you find out how to say some phrases in Spanish?
- Find out about Mexican flowers, trees and animals. Some are very different to those found in the UK! Record what you learn in a notebook or picture chart.

These are suggestions for you to pick and choose what activities you would like to do.

As mentioned above, please send in photos of your work and models you have made. I would love to see what you have been doing and it would be great to share your super work on the school website.

Email your work to [info@parkside.kent.sch.uk](mailto:info@parkside.kent.sch.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you and more than that, I can't wait to see you all again ☺

Miss Murphy

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