



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



**Friday 1st May 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you all back to school in Owl class, after the Easter break. We have lots of exciting learning and activities planned for Term 5 and 6, and are committed to ensuring your children continue to develop their knowledge and skills as independent learners, creative thinkers, reflective pupils, team workers and effective participators. Our new topics are Vikings- a history-based topic (Term 5) and Mountains- a geography- based topic (Term 6). We are hoping to visit Wingham Wildlife Park in Term 6 to consolidate our knowledge of Life Cycles (our Science topic).

**Term 5 Topic- Vikings**

In our history-based topic, we are learning about the Vikings; who they were, where they came from and how they travelled. We will also learn about how they traded, their daily life, their religious beliefs and customs and their battles with the Anglo-Saxons.



Our **English** work will be based on Viking stories and sagas and children will practise writing setting descriptions, character descriptions, narrative, an explanation text and an instructional text.

In **science**, children will be beginning the unit 'Living things and their habitats' where they will examine the life-cycles of different living things and be able to classify animals into their groups eg mammals, reptiles, amphibians etc This will end in a trip to Wingham Wildlife Park

In **maths**, children will be completing learning on, statistics, shape and position and direction.

**Term 6 Topic- Mountains**

Our topic this term is **geography-based** and the children will be learning about mountains eg where the world's major mountain ranges are, where people live in the mountains and the physical features of mountains.

Our lead text for **English** will be '*When the Mountains Roared*' by Jess Butterworth, which is an adventure story set in the mountains of India.



In **science**, we will be learning about the changes that take place in humans, from birth to old age, including growth, weight, height and gestational periods.

In **maths**, children will be revisiting learning related to decimals, learning about negative numbers, using and converting units of measure and volume.

**Forest School:**

In Year 5, we will be going out to the Forest School **every** Wednesday afternoon. The children will go out altogether, as one group. They will attend forest school in all weather conditions, where safe to do so, and should be dressed appropriately in suitable clothing e.g. hats, coats, gloves, sun-cream etc. Sturdy footwear or wellies will also need to be worn. Your child may wear their forest school clothing to school.

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

At Parkside our behaviour is:

**Gentle hands and feet**  
**Respect others and their property**  
**Expect to work hard**  
**Always listen**  
**Talk kindly**



### Dates:

Monday 20th April- Term 5 begins  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday (school closed)  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May Book Fair  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 and 6 Sports Morning  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Maths Day and End of Term 5

Monday 1st June- Term 6 begins  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July- Summer Fair  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July- End of Term 6  
A class trip to Wingham Wildlife Park will be confirmed for Term 6.

**PE** will be on a Thursday morning and Monday afternoon, 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.

### Homework/readers

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.

### REACH for the Stars



### Healthy snack and lunches

Children are provided with a bagel at break-time. 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 snack-bar

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please make an appointment at the school office or send me a message on Class Dojo.

Mrs Williams  
Year 5 Class teacher