



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Robin Class Letter

TERMS 1 & 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to Robin Class and year 3. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxed summer holiday and the children are ready for the year ahead. We start the year looking at Ancient Egypt as our topic. We have so many fantastic activities planned which include an Ancient Egypt themed WOW day, creating our very own fossils and building an Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus from clay. We have two exciting trips booked. The first, is to the Canterbury Arts Centre where the children will be taking part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop. The second trip we will travel to Bettshanger Country Park to take part in a fossil hunting workshop and learning all about survival skills in the outdoors this links in with our Rocks science topic.

Robin class have made a brilliant start to the year, working hard in lessons and demonstrating brilliant resilience in a brand new key stage. I am already very proud and I'm looking forwards to the fantastic year we have ahead of us!

Term 1

In term 1, our topic is Ancient Egypt. In English, our key text will be 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo and we will explore non-fiction information texts. We will be exploring Ancient Egyptian fairy tales and creating recipe instructions for Egyptian bread.

In maths, we will be recapping place value and use our knowledge to represent and partition numbers to 1000. The class will move onto the addition and subtraction 2- and 3-digit numbers. The children will be introduced to weekly times-table practise focussing on the 3s, 4s and 8s.

Our science lessons are focussing on 'Rocks' where we will be using our comparing, grouping and observational skills. We will be investigating how rocks and fossils are formed and their everyday uses as well as conducting exciting investigations and experiments.

Class Dojo

I will be using Dojo to upload photos and updates on the children's learning. I will also use it as a way to stay in contact with parents and share important updates.

Term 2

In term 2, our topic is Scotland. In our English lessons, our key text will be 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. The children will be exploring narrative, as well as writing diaries and newspaper articles. Later in the term the children will research and write an information leaflet about Edinburgh Castle.

Throughout the term, children will be exploring the Scottish heritage, they will be creating their own tartan patterns, sewing a Scottish flag and making some famous Scottish dishes.

In maths, we will be focussing on column addition and subtraction, using our knowledge of place value from Term 1. To finish the children will be introduced to multiplication and division learning to use a variety of manipulatives to support their working out.

Term 2 science is focussing on 'Forces and Magnets'. We will explore whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. Sorting and classifying every day magnetic objects and investigating how much friction is created by a variety of materials.

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.



Dates:

- Tuesday 15th September – workshop Canterbury Arts Centre.
- Wednesday 7th October – Fossil hunting and survival skill workshop, Bettshanger country park.
- Monday 12th October – African Drumming workshop.
- Wednesday 14th October – School photos
- Friday 16th October – Harvest festival
- Wednesday 21st October – Parents evening
- Friday 23rd September – Last day of term

PE

PE will be on a Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Children should come to school in their PE uniform; blue/navy shorts, their coloured PE top and sensible shoes for sports.

Forest School

Forest school will be every Thursday afternoon, please ensure you child brings an appropriate change of clothing and shoes to suit all weather conditions.

REACH for the Stars



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 snack bar.

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.

Miss Smith
Year 3 Class teacher