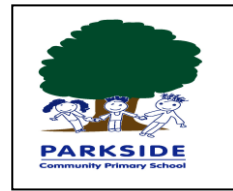


## PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Robin Class Letter

#### TERMS 1 & 2



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely pleased to welcome you to Robin Class and year 3. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing 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 artefact from clay.

This term your children will have three teachers for the first three weeks, Mr Johnston on Monday and Tuesday, Miss Thompson on Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Gregory Burns will be teaching on a Friday throughout the year. Miss Smith will return to Robin Class from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

The children have made a brilliant start to the year, working hard in lessons and demonstrating brilliant resilience in a brand new key stage. We are very proud and we are looking forwards to the fantastic year we have ahead of us!

#### Term 1

In term 1, our topic is Ancient Egypt. In our English lessons, our key texts will be Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx and non-fiction information texts. We will be exploring Ancient Egypt and creating information leaflets about the great pyramids of Giza.

In maths, we will be recapping place value and use our knowledge to represent and partition numbers to 1000. We will also be focussing on recalling the 2s, 5s and 10 time tables.

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 weekly photos and updates on the children's learning. I will also use it as a way to stay in contact with parents and to share school updates and class updates.

#### Term 2

In term 2, our topic is Scotland. In our English lessons, our key text will be 'Katie Morag Delivers the Mail' By Mairi Hedderwick. The children will be writing alternative endings to the story as well as writing a diary extract. We will also be exploring different types of poetry. The children will also 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. For Science, we will be learning about forces, focusing on how things move on different surfaces and exploring magnetic poles.

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:** We 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:**

15<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Parents Evening 2.30pm -7.00pm

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Harvest Festival- In school

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025- End of Term

27<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Term 2 starts

11<sup>th</sup> November- Remembrance Assembly

5<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Fair

17<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas parties

18<sup>th</sup> December- End of Term 2

**PE**

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

Please speak to the office if your child needs a new t shirt.

**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 snack bar.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with us, please make an appointment at the school office or speak to us after school.

Mr Johnston, Miss Thompson, Mrs Gregory Burns and Miss Smith

Year 3 Class teachers