



## PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Robin Class Letter

#### TERMS 5 & 6



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to term 5, I would like to start by saying how wonderful it is to see such a huge confidence and determination boost in all the children over the last couple of terms.

They're working hard and have created some wonderful pieces of work. I cannot wait to see what they produce in the final two terms. We start term 5 looking at the Tudors as our topic, then we move onto Rivers to end the year. We started the Tudors topic last term with an exciting trip to the Tower of London, everyone had such a fantastic day. During this term we will be exploring Animals Including Humans, where the children will learn about the human and animal skeletal and muscle systems. They will be learning about the history of the Tudors, exploring Henry VIII's wives and the impact the Tudor dynasty had on Great Britain.

#### Term 5

In term 5, our topic is the Tudors. In our English lessons, our key text will be 'A Midsummers Night Dream' by William Shakespeare. The children will be narrative writing in the first person, writing explanation texts and writing to inform through posters. We will also be researching Henry VIII and writing a biography about him. In art and DT, the children will be creating Tudor style self-portraits, creating a 3D Tudor rose and creating a Tudor style purse/coin pouch.

In maths, the children will continue to practise their 3,4 and 8 times tables. They will continue to look at fractions. Later they will move onto money and spend the final weeks focussing on time.

Our science lessons are focussing on 'Animals Including Humans' where we will be investigating the human and animal skeletal systems, the functions of them and learning that not all skeletons are on the inside. The children will also be learning about the muscles that run throughout a human's body and how we use them in everyday life.

#### Term 6

In term 6, our final topic is Rivers. In English, our key text will be 'River Story' by Meredith Hooper. In English, the children will be writing an explanation text about the water cycle. Towards the end of the term they will be looking at shape and sound poetry and finishing with a piece of creative writing.

In maths, the children will be focusing on time, shape and statistics. They will be learning to read Roman numerals, tell the time to five minutes and read the time on a digital clock. In geometry, the children will be learning about angles and how to identify them as well as making 3D shapes. Statistics will cover reading and making pictograms, bar charts and graphs.

Science will involve the children learning all about Plants. They will be exploring the different parts of a plant and learning to identify the function of each part. This will include lots of outdoor learning including planting seeds and looking after their own tomato plants which always turns into an in class competition.

**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:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday.  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Book fair.  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Sports week.  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of term 5.  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Beginning of term 6.  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer fair.  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Open evening.  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of term 6.

**PE & Forest School**

Term 5 & 6 PE will be on a Monday afternoon and a Thursday Morning.

Children should come to school in their PE uniform; blue/navy shorts, their coloured PE top and sensible shoes for sports.

Forest school is weekly on a Thursday.  
Please wear suitable clothing to suit the weather conditions.

**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 me, please make an appointment at the school office or speak to me after school.

Miss Smith  
Year 3 Class teacher