



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Robin Class Letter

TERMS 1 & 2



Friday 15th September, 2022

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 artefact from clay. We have an exciting trip booked to the Canterbury Arts Centre where the children will be taking part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop. The children will have time to explore and enjoy the forest school too.

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 our English lessons, our key texts will be 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo and non-fiction information texts. We will be exploring Ancient Egyptian fairy tales 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. If you are not signed up and would like to be please contact myself or Mr Hillier and we can get this arranged and set up straight away.

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: 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:

21st September – Class Trip to Canterbury Arts Museum
6th October – Harvest Festival All Saints Church
Wednesday 18th October – Class Photos and Parents Evening
20th October – Last day of Term 1
30th October – First day of Term 2
1st December – Christmas fair
6th December – Christmas Dinner
7th December – Christmas Jumper Day
14th December - Christmas party day
15th December – last day of Term 2

PE

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

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