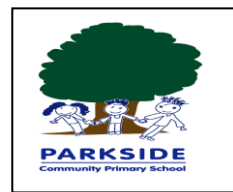


## PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Robin Class Letter

#### TERMS 3 & 4



January, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to term 3, I would like to start by saying what a fantastic 2 terms I have had with the children. They have been hardworking, resilient and keen to learn. I am extremely proud of the achievements they have made so far and look forwards to rest of the year.

We start the New Year with Ancient Greece as our topic moving onto Modern Greece in term 4. During this term, we will be exploring the influences the Ancient Greeks have had on our everyday lives and the impact their inventions have made. In week 2, the children have a Greek WOW day where they will be making pottery, trying a variety of Greek inspired food and learning some famous Greek dance moves. We will be learning about Greek mythology and ending the term with a trip to Kent life to take part in a day of exciting Ancient Greek Workshops.

#### Term 1

In term 3 our English topic is Myths and Legends. The key text is 'Who Let the Gods Out?' By Maze Evans. The children will be creating their own version of the ending to the myth Theseus and the Minotaur as well as creating an advert for a new shop in Asphodel Fields, writing a care guide for a Cerberus and producing an information leaflet about a chosen mythical character. The term will end with a unit on letter writing.

In maths, we have moved onto multiplication and division where the children will learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will be learning a variety of methods to support our reasoning and problem solving skills. We will also be looking at length and perimeter where the children will be measuring and converting in millimetres, centimetres and metres.

Our science lessons are focussing on 'Light and Dark' where we will be discovering where light sources come from, understanding how shadows are made and how light is reflected from different surfaces.

#### Term 2

In term 4, our English is based around non-fiction texts and writing units. We will be looking at life in Greece in the modern day. We will be exploring how to write persuasively through advertisement using a variety of media including leaflets, newspaper articles and posters.

In maths, the children will be focusing on fractions looking at different fractions and understanding the term numerator and denominator. They will be learning to count in fractions and order them on a scale. For the second half of the term, the children will be introduced to mass and capacity, they will be measuring mass in grams and kilograms as well as adding and subtracting mass. Finally, they will be measuring capacity in millilitres and litres.

In science, we will be learning about 'Animals including Humans'. The children will be learning about nutrients and food groups, investigating both animal and human skeletons and looking at food chains. There are lots of practical activities during this topic and I know the children will enjoy making their own skeletons and moving muscles throughout the term.

**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:**

9<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3  
9<sup>TH</sup> February – Class Trip Kent Life  
19<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Term 4  
7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening  
28<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 4

**PE**

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

**Homework**

The children will be set times tables, spelling, maths and handwriting homework on a Friday to practise at home. This will support further learning in class. The children are rewarded with Dojo points for completion of homework. The children will also be sent home with a weekly reading book to read with a grown up or individually to themselves. Please can the book and reading record be returned weekly, the children cannot receive a new book until their current one is returned.

**REACH for the Stars**

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



**Healthy snack and lunches**

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